

Spring Hill High School SIC Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Members Present: Dr. Michael Lofton, Danelle Sorrel, Alecia Klauk, Katherine Call, Jeff Bennett, Richard Coffy, Joey Parks, Jennifer Riddle, Ann Morris, Allen Bullard, Dr. Sergey Razin, Dr. Charnice Starks-Ray, Brandon Doty

Mr. Bullard asked council for a motion to approve the minutes from January's meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report

Dr. Lofton informed the council that SHHS was recently named as a Magnet Schools of America – Merit Award School of Distinction. SHHS has earned this award every year that we have applied. He thanked the SHHS family for all that they do.

He also reported that SHHS selected Mrs. Rachel Hay as our 23-24 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Hay is one of our fabulous English teachers. Mrs. Sally Tucker, assistant to the assistant principals, was named the Support Employee of the Year for 23-24.

Dr. Lofton provided a magnet update that included the following dates.

- Application closed on January 29
- Families received email notifications on Friday, February 3.
- Must accept or decline their seat by February 12.
- Acceptance Night – Wednesday, March 8

He informed the council that all SHHS juniors are taking either the SAT or ACT on the dates listed below. The test is held at school and sponsored by the State of South Carolina.

- SAT is Wednesday, March 1 – NO Late Start
- ACT is Tuesday, March 7

Dr. Lofton also reminded the council that February 17 and February 20 are student holidays.

As discussed at a previous SIC meeting, Dr. Lofton invited all members of the D5 Board of Trustees to visit the school by attending a VIP Tour, SHHS Magnet Information Night or a Lunch and Learn scheduled at their convenience. Mrs. Huddle visited SHHS on Monday, January 30. She spent 4 hours at SHHS learning about who we are, what we do and how we do it. She left very impressed and said she would reach out to the other board members to have them visit SHHS. Since then, we have heard from Ms. Snipes. The Superintendent's office is arranging a date for her to visit SHHS as well.

Mr. Bullard asked if now would be a good time for SIC to start participating in public participation at the board meetings. Dr. Lofton asked that the council wait until after the February 13 board meeting where

the Superintendent will make a presentation on his vision for the district. It was decided that Mr. Bullard would represent SIC for the first visit to the D5 Board meeting.

Mrs. Morris informed the council that at the Parent Advisory meeting, the Superintendent reported that he wanted SHHS to remain an all-magnet high school but was looking to increase SHHS enrollment. Dr. Lofton commented that increased enrollment meant an increase in staff. He is concerned because we are not seeing many people entering the field of education.

New Business

Mr. Brandon Doty, Assistant Principal of Instruction, reviewed the draft of SHHS Strategic Plan with the council. Council thanked him for his presentation. Mr. Bullard asked that the entire plan be sent to the council for review before submission deadline of February 28. Mr. Doty will share the plan with Mrs. Sorrel who will send it to the council for review.

Student Input – no report

Parent Input – no report

Community Input

Mrs. Riddle, on behalf of Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission, thanked SHHS for their partnership and use of the facilities. She also shared that a student, who recently transferred into SHHS from CHS felt extremely welcomed by the SHHS family and she witnessed it when SHHS students attended a play this student was in to support him.

Mrs. Klauk reported that We Care of Chapin is expanding their scholarship program for students. She will be presenting to the social workers in District Five and get the information to school counselors. She is excited to be able to expand this scholarship opportunity for students in need.

Faculty Input – no report

Committee Reports

PTO – Ms. Morris reported that PTO is continuing their goal of supporting SHHS staff and students.

Good for the Group – no report

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, at 6:00 pm