

Spring Hill High School SIC Minutes

Monday, October 3, 2022

Mr. Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Members Present: Alecia Klauk, Kim Chavis, Joey Parks, Diana Van Horne, Allen Bullard, Dr. Sergey Razin, Dr. Charnice Starks-Ray, Zaria Samuel, Danelle Sorrel and Dr. Michael Lofton

Principal's Report

Dr. Lofton reported that recruiting for the 23-24 school year has started for rising 9th graders. He thanked PTO for the funding for the VIP postcards mailed to every rising 9th grade family. We have had a tremendous response and tours are already booked through October and into November. This year the application opens on November 10 and remain open until January 29. We will accept 300 rising 9th graders and any open seats up to 300 in the 10th grade.

Dr. Lofton also asked the council to be aware of the upcoming events listed below:

- Wed, October 12 – PSAT Test
 - All 10th graders will take the PSAT and any 11th grader that has registered and paid.
 - 1/3 the school is being tested
 - NO LATE START on WEDNESDAY October 12.
- Fall Break – October 14-17
- Picture Day rescheduled for October 20 & 21 – through English classes
- PTO Spirit Night @ BJs on Harbison
 - Dine in or take out
- Haunted House – October 28
 - Sponsored by student council
- Fall Dance – November 5, 7-10 in MPR
 - Tickets on sale during lunches, dates TBD
 - \$15 a ticket
 - No ticket sales at the door
- Derby Day 5K – November 12

New Business

Mr. Bullard informed the council that there are four standing SIC committees.

- Engagement and Advocacy – committee assists SHHS with messaging in the community. They have appeared at board meetings and signed up for public participation to thank the Board of Trustees for the opportunities at SHHS. Dr. Lofton mentioned that it is important to keep SHHS in front of those that make decisions in the district.

- Traffic and Safety – committee assists with improving traffic flow and the safety of our students. This committee has been instrumental in getting traffic lights and turn signals installed.
- Student Assistance – committee works with SHHS personnel to assist students with needs. This committee has helped students with negative balance on lunch accounts, gas cards, prom dresses, etc.
- Job Shadowing and Internship – committee works with SHHS personnel and the community to enhance job shadowing and internship experiences for our students. This committee has opened the doors for field experiences for students.

Old Business

Mrs. Sorrel welcomed Joey Parks as the newest community member on the council. She also informed the council that we are still in need of two additional community members to be compliant in reporting. She will begin to reach out to alumni to fill the seats.

Student Input

Zaria Samuel reported to the council that SHHS College Fair was a fantastic event for junior and seniors. She did ask Dr. Lofton to consider inviting more HBCU members to the fair. Dr. Lofton explained that the State of SC Commission of High Ed organizes this event for all high schools. He said he would make sure the request gets to the right people. He also informed the council that the HBCU holds its own recruiting fair off site for all area high schools. Any SHHS student attending would receive an excused absence as a college visit day.

Dr. Lofton took this opportunity to inform the council that October 4-5 are College Application Days at SHHS. Seniors meet with School Counseling and college admission reps for help with college applications.

Zaria informed the council of upcoming spirit week, October 31 through November 4.

Parent Input - none

Community Input

Mrs. Klauk reported that We Care of Chapin is accepting applications from families for assistance during the holidays. She encouraged council members to become involved. She also asked that our student organizations be made aware of the community service opportunity

Faculty Input

Mrs. Van Horne spoke in behalf of the faculty and said that the school year was rolling along and that everyone was happy to be return to pre-Covid times.

Committee Reports

- PTO – Mrs. Morris reported that PTO will be hosting a spirit night at BJ's on Harbison on October 26, 5-10 pm. 20% of all proceeds from dine-in, take-out or mobile orders will go to PTO. Mrs. Morris informed the council that PTO has a goal of raising \$10,000 this school year. So far, \$3400.00 has been raised. Donations are needed to support the SHHS family. She also reported that this month PTO will acknowledge student nutrition workers with a luncheon and bus drivers with breakfast one morning as they drive through SHHS.

Good for the Group

Dr. Lofton asked that the council pay attention to the upcoming school board elections. As an all-choice, all-magnet high school, it is important that everyone is knowledgeable on the candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, at 6:00 pm