

Spring Hill High School SIC Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2022

Dr. Lofton called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Members Present:

Allen Bullard, Richard Coffy, Terri Prince, Dr. Sergey Razin, Dr. Charnice Starks-Ray, Alecia Klauk, Jennifer Riddle, Karen Fallaw, Diana Van Horne, Zaria Samuel, Ann Morris, Dr. Michael Lofton and Danelle Sorrel

The meeting began with a welcome by Dr. Lofton and introductions of all members present

New Business

Election of officers as follows:

Nominations for Chair - Allen Bullard

Nominations for Vice Chair – Ann Morris

Nominations for Secretary – Danelle Sorrel

All nominations were approved unanimously.

Principal's Report

Dr. Lofton thanked everyone for their commitment to SHHS & SIC. He reported that the council will establish goals for the 22-23 school year. He also reported that our SIC has been actively involved in with improving traffic and safety around our campus. The council was instrumental in getting traffic lights and turn signals installed on Broad River Road. He also informed the council that in previous years, a council member would attend the District Five Board of Trustees meeting to thank the board for SHHS and the opportunities it gives its students. This is to control positive messaging when there is so much negative information.

Dr. Lofton gave his principal's report to include the following:

- Start of the year has been off to a great start
 - Enrollment is 1098 as of today
 - We are fully staffed
 - Changes to entry points
 - Weapons detector in front office – for visitors seeking access to student population

Important Dates

- Club Fair is Friday, September 16
- Showcase Academy Day, Friday, September 23
- SHHS Curriculum Night, September 28, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 - Parents will join me in the gym for a brief meeting

- Parents will follow their student's bell schedule for blocks 1-8
- If your student has a class at The Center, parents can sit in the lobby during that class time. The Center will not be participating in this night.
- School Picture Day, Sept. 29 and 30.
 - Students are scheduled to take their picture during their English class.
- Fall Dance – Homecoming will be Saturday, November 5, 7-10, in the SHHS MPR.
 - Guests are able to attend
 - Limited tickets

Dr. Lofton turned the meeting over to Mr. Bullard, newly elected chairperson for the remainder of the agenda. Mr. Bullard asked for student input.

Student Input

- Zaria Samuel, Senior Class President, thanked everyone for their support of students. She personally thanked everyone for her wonderful educational experience at SHHS. She said she absolutely loves Spring Hill High School.

Parent Input

- Dr. Starks-Ray informed the council that while at the grocery store she ran into a parent of a senior at SHHS. The parent informed her that her son absolutely loves his school. The family was due to move out of state but the son put an end to that until after his senior year. He did not want to leave his school.
- Dr. Razin informed the council that he is a computer science professor at USC and works with students that volunteer in the schools and community. Please keep this in mind should SHHS have a need. He also offered to partner with SHHS computer science classes.
- Ms. Prince stated that she is from Georgia but made personal sacrifices to get her daughter into District Five and SHHS. She is excited about the opportunity.

Community Input

- Mrs. Klauk explained that she is the director of We Care and that We Care serves community needs such as food, assistance with gas vouchers, assistance with utility bills, etc. She informed the council that We Care received a grant of \$10,000 from Publix for school supplies and upon the advice of students, she purchased some graphing calculators. She also reminded everyone that the holiday season is fast approaching and to keep local charities in mind.
- Mrs. Riddle reported that Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission is looking for student workers for various jobs and events. ICRC has a very similar geographic footprint as SHHS. Students from all areas of the district have a local opportunity to work or volunteer near their homes.

Faculty Input

- Karen Fallaw stated that her department has started senior conferences. The department has also added an informative session on The Common App as this app is widely used by universities. They

are also holding an informational session in the evening on completing the FAFSA app. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. School Counseling is also holding a college fair next week on September 20 for juniors and seniors. She is also excited to introduce our new Career Development Facilitator, Stacey Bruno.

Committee Reports

- PTO – Mrs. Morris reported that for the SHHS PTO everyone is a member. Our PTO raises money through donations. She informed the council that getting in front of parents for donations is harder each year due to school business now being handled online. PTO will have to get creative this year to continue to support student club and activities and the staff of SHHS.

Good for the Group

- Mrs. Sorrel informed the council that three additional community members are needed for this year. Please send her the contact information of anyone that may be interested in serving.
- Dr. Lofton informed the council of the SHHS Derby Day 5K on November 12. He asked council members to help promote the event by taking posters for the community. He also provided registration forms and sponsor forms.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd, at 6:00 pm