

## SIC Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020

Attendance via Zoom:

Present (13) Lia Davis, Michael Moore, Deidre Myers-Jeffcoat, Lisa Butler, Jessamine Grice, Beth Corley, Art Coogler, De'Nitra Reese, Travis Tester, Nancy Stoudenmire, Anna Moore, Maggie Adams, Payal Shah

Absent (7) Deidre Myers-Jeffcoat, Lisco Jeffcoat, Sarah Maner, Lisa Buter, Satcher Armstrong, Amy Enzor, Shalonda Harmon

## Welcome

Meeting started at 5:35pm

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October meeting were approved

## Principal Report

- Parking lot and Awning Update: Haven't heard anything back from the district regarding the parking lot. The district has come out to measure for awnings for the front and side of the school.
- Enrollment & Personal Update: Enrollment is down to 597 students, 165 of those are virtual. The district has reached out the Principal Davis about possible reorganization of teachers due to the low enrollment.
- Celebration: Kindergarden teacher Dr. Jamie Browder was recognized at the 2020 Richland County Conservation Teacher of the Year. Dr. Browder received a grant of \$500 for the school garden. Paideia lead teacher Ms. Laura Gisler received the Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Excellence in Teaching Award presented by the South Carolina Council for Social Studies.
- Testing: District One recently bought a new testing program for math and ELA called STAR. They can use this testing system to see how they are improving through the year. Currently 40% of students are in tier 1-2, meaning they need intervention to bring them up to grade level. K5 has completed their KRA testing and currently waiting on that data. Second grade has taken the COGAT to test if they will be in the gifted classes moving forward. State Superintendent Spearman has stated that if the state can apply for a waiver to not do state testing they will.
- Question:
  - Why would the distribution of teachers not happen at the end of the year? The numbers of virtual vs phase in are still changing. The school is down 100 students and there are schools in the district that have a teacher shortage. Each teacher signed a contract with the district so they have a job within the district.
  - How would the redistribution of kids affect COVID protocols and class size? It would not change any of the protocols currently in place. Travis Tester

commented on how well the schools was doing with the COVID protocols and taking care of the kids.

- The district agreed to a \$1,000 retention bonus. Only the employees that were employed last year and stayed this year will get this bonus.

## PTO

- Changed the coffee bar to Wednesday, the teachers flex day.
- Tuesday Night was PDQ Spirit Night.
- They are planning on a teacher luncheon (boxed lunch style) and holiday gift
- Budget wise they increased the amount to teacher appreciation this year.
- PDQ gift cards are available all year round for \$6.

## From the Floor

- Teachers: Ms. Butler: Teachers are working really hard and are very appreciative of the support from the PTO and community. Response from the students has been wonderful too.
- Parent Concerns
  - Ms. Grice: Technology, Filters and learning software. Kids are figuring out how to get around filters set on the websites to get gaming sites. Ms. Brice feels that prodigy is an addictive program and feels there are better options, is this because it's free? Filter issue can be fixed by calling the help desk 231-7436. Prodigy is one of the accepted programs from the district. Best option is to speak with the teachers on this and if it continues speaking to the district would be a next option. Sandra Brazard and Hagwood, would be the ones to contact from the district regarding the district using this program.
  - Ms. Adams: How is attendance being taken with the hybrid schedule? Teachers now have up to five days to change attendance. Once work is submitted to the teacher, they can go back and mark the child as present. If there is a question of attendance start with the teacher and state that the student has turned in the work and to please change the attendance.
- Community:
  - Beth Corley: How can the South Meadowfield Neighborhood Association be more supportive to the school? Davis will ask to see what is most needed and will share.
  - Sunday, a first responders parade. Deputy Doire will be a participate, 4:00 Start at Hammond up Galway, wormwood, over to veterans, down veterans and through the neighborhood streets.

The next SIC meeting will be December 10

## Meeting Adjourn

meeting adjourned at 6:23