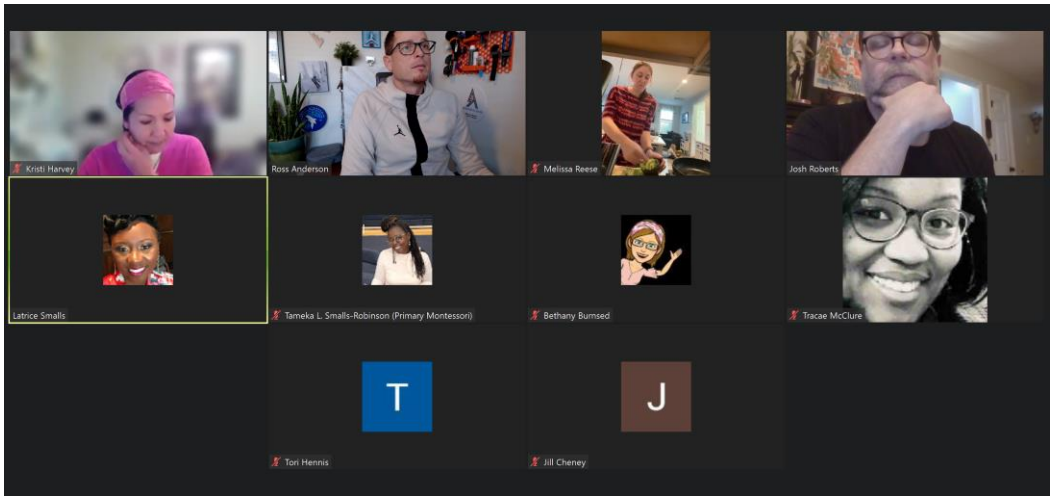
Meeting Minutes (02/13/2024)

with time ( ) and *action expected*

School Improvement Council
Edith L. Frierson Elementary, in-person
Tuesday, February 13th 2024
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions – Members and Guests (2), *those in **bold** are voting*
   Attendees, in-person: **Ross Anderson, Josh Roberts, Kristi Harvey, Bethany Burnsed**, **Melissa Reese**, **Dana Platt**, **Latrice Smalls**, Jill Cheney, Tori Hennis, Tamika Smalls Robinson

   Meeting Recording: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zmx8709-r9kXKS3BvBoS-WQ20C6nJBvb/view?usp=sharing



2. Approval of Minutes (2)
   Review on screen of Mtg 2 Minutes - ELF SIC 01.16.2024

   MOTION: A motion was made to approve the meeting 2 minutes (Josh Roberts). Motion Seconded (Melissa Reese). No discussion. Vote approved unanimously.

3. Principals Report (3)
   a. School Update:
   b. Principal Smalls announced the decision was made to "pause" the plan for 7th grade class at ELF for next school year. Currently there are only (4) sixth graders

enrolled in the program. Those students and parents have been notified they have the option to automatically enroll in Haut Gap or continue Montessori at Murray LaSaine. Goal is to start the program with 10-12 kids, for better program balance and to be more robust. Hope is to start a new primary program to increase the numbers.

c. February 15th at 9am - scheduled for interested families to tour the school, called "Frierson Forum". School choice is open until Feb 23rd. Please let interested families and neighbors know.
d. DNR has continued their program, with great progress noted.
e. The campaign to raise funds for field trips $15,000, only $656 more dollars are needed to achieve this goal.
f. 2 teachers have been completed math OGAP training.
g. PTA has been a great support.
h. 2 teachers received grants, including a Bosch Grant.
i. Positive referrals continue to increase with over 150 in the system.
j. A new, state of the art 3D Printer has been donated to ELF by Realize Ascent, LLC, the business owned by Ross Anderson and Katie Hewitt, which will be on display at the March 27th STEM and Math night.
k. A new little free library was established in the Entry way, setup by Ms. Kramer.
l. Family classroom observations are currently going on. Signup now to see what's going on in your classroom with signup genius.
m. SC Prep afterschool beginning in March for about 8 weeks to improve test taking skills and enrichment.
n. This week there is a Health and Wellness, and laps challenge. 5 laps = 1 mile
o. We have a lot of good things going on at Frierson. Environment, Climate, and Culture are awesome!

4. D9 SIC Collaborative meeting Update
   a. Mellisa Reese, Dana Platt, Brad Kolata, Josh Roberts, Ross Anderson and ELF D9 Representative Monica Smith attended the annual collaborative meeting between SIC's hosted at St. Johns High Cafeteria.
   b. Haut GAP, Mount Zion, St. Johns High, and Edith Frierson all had representatives.
   c. ELF had the most SIC Representatives in attendance.
   d. Discussion highlights included:
      i. A compelling theme that "We're all one Island" with our school system where all the Johns island elementary schools feed exclusively into Haut Gap then St. Johns. -> Elementaries -> Haut Gap -> St. Johns. This is not normally the case with other districts where students often funnel into different Middle or High schools depending on where they live.
      ii. Coordination between the schools has been a challenge in the past, with many opportunities for improvement.
      iii. All groups supported more communication and coordination between SIC's, including a suggestion to meet quarterly.
      iv. The Johns Island Parade was noted as an important community building event, which has unfortunately run into various planning and political

challenges. The Proposed solution was for – SIC's to apply together so that community administration leaders saw the importance of the event.

v. An idea was suggested for a D9 or Island Wide Art fair, Stem / Science fair, hosted by Haut Gap or St. Johns.
vi. There was discussion about making available resources more transparent so different schools could participate.
vii. ELF representatives mentioned that a great need is for more Gymnasium Access for ELF and Mount Zion. Haut Gap seemed interested to accommodate and explore this.
viii. Angel Oak SIC was not present.
ix. It was suggested that we meet as a collaborative group quarterly to keep
x. When the new school opens in 2025-26, the Mount Zion Space will be available – we need to raise our voices to secure the space as an early learning Center.

5. Committee Reports
   a. Historical marker – Audrey Mack (not present): No updates at this time
   b. Gymnatorium Multi-purpose Room – (ad hoc) – Ross Anderson, Bridget Beggs (not present), Audrey Mack, Debborah Grant (not present), Monica Smith (not present)
      i. Email discussion and information has been shared with interested community members
      ii. A meeting was discussed, but not scheduled.
      iii. Jill Cheney, PTA suggested an information booth at upcoming Community night block party.
      iv. Question: Who will schedule meeting between Ad Hoc group leaders and CCSD representatives?
      v. Next years budget is already done. When it becomes public, it will be important that we are ready to bring awareness to the need.
      vi. Tracy McClure is on the Citizens oversight steering committee, and there is money available for multi-purpose rooms, however Frierson is currently not on that list. She's asked the question of what is the process to determine which schools will get the funding approval first. 2023 – 2028 budget cycle is already determined.

      Action: Ross Anderson to schedule meeting for Ad Hoc Group to meet, before our next meeting.

   c. Reading Goals, Literacy Plan – Samantha Kurtz (Not Present), interim Crystal Blue (Not Present) (2)
      i. No Update provided
      ii. Materials for New EL are no longer available for review. Textbook selection adoption time has ended.
   d. Salt Marsh Education and Engagement – Taylor Bensinger, (not Present) Lisa Vandiver (10) (Not Present)
      i. Information: Current updates

ii. Saltgrass plantings have taken place and are now enjoying the sun in the greenhouse.

e. Garden Committee – Hope Ivanova (2) (not present)
   i. Information: Green Heart visits scheduled for the rest of school year, volunteering encouraged. Dates are generally 1st Fridays 12:30pm -3pm with an adjustment for Spring Break; Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 12, May 3
   ii. Garden Club Community members that Linda had represented, reached out. Many of the Volunteers would love to do a work-day, possibly on an early release day.
   iii. An Open House is being envisioned for students to showcase their work and show us how they care for the garden.

f. Tennis: Ashley Carrigan (2) (not present)
   i. No Updates

g. Mentoring Program – Ross Anderson (3)
   i. 3D printer committee met for first time at school
   ii. Plan for the printer is being developed
   iii. Programming to manage capacity will be key
   iv. Mentoring Program will use the printer as a way to connect
   v. Update 2.16.2024 - Mentoring Lunches email sent by Ms. D to selected mentors, with a minimum commitment of attending once monthly.

h. SIC Annual report to Parents
   i. Example provided for an annual report of key SIC initiatives
   ii. 2 sided or tri-fold overview of key SIC initiatives an improvements.

ACTION: Kristi Harvey to form a committee to be established to present a draft at the next meeting.

ACTION: Ms. Smalls to share the draft presentation of school improvements on Canva which could be modified

6. Public Comment: tabled
   a. Question was asked if mentoring program can assist in test prep
      i. Ms. Smalls provided updates on test prep, including a pep rally, some SC Ready tutoring, moving to pen and paper instead of clicking. Every child, except those with IEP's, will take the test with pen and paper. In March and April, the focus is going to be on test prep and readiness. So far, the testing scores have been trending in the right direction.

7. Announcements:
   a. PTA: Movie Night and Community night are 2 big events upcoming. There will also be a small presence at some other school functions. \
   b. It was suggested that the meeting time should change to 5:30. Discussion occurred.

MOTION: A motion was made to modify the SIC Monthly meeting start time from 5:00pm to 5:30pm, to better accommodate attendance. Vote seconded. Vote approval unanimous.

8. Review assignments and Agenda for next meeting: tabled

9. Meeting Adjourned: 6pm
Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.