MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

with time ( ) and *action expected*

School Improvement Council
Edith L. Frierson Elementary, virtual meeting

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1. Welcome & Introductions – Members and Guests (2)

2. Approval of Minutes (3)

3. Principal's Report (5)
   a. *Information:* School update, including Title 1

4. Committee Reports
   a. Historical Marker – Audrey Mack (5)
      i. *Information*: application status update
   b. Gymnatorium Multi-Purpose Room (ad hoc) – Ross Anderson, Bridget Beggs, Monica Smith (10)
      i. *Information*: update
   c. Reading Goals, Literacy Plan – Samantha Kurtz, interim Crystal Blue (2)
      i. *Information:* reading materials & goals update
   d. Salt Marsh Education & Engagement– Taylor Bensinger, Lisa Vandiver (2)
      i. *Information:* program update, scheduled events
   e. Garden Committee – Hope Ivanova, Katie Pfeninger, Kristi Harvey (3)
      i. *Information:* Green Heart & Clemson school garden update
   f. Tennis – Ashley Carrigan (2)
      i. *Information:* participation update, transportation
   g. Mentoring – Ross Anderson, Josh Roberts (2)
      i. *Information:* preparation update (3)
   h. Report To Parents – Principal Smalls draft (5)
      i. *Information:* link to previous Frierson 2022-2023 Report to the Community

5. Public Comment (5)

6. Announcements (5)
   a. PTA upcoming events

7. Review assignments and agenda for next meeting (2)
8. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 5:30 to 6:30p.m., Zoom Meeting

2023-2024 SIC Members

Parents
Kristina Harvey, chair
Ross Anderson, v-chair
Josh Roberts

Teachers
Melissa Reese
Bethany Burnsed
Dana Platt

Community Members
Audrey Mack
Pat Cline
Monica Smith

Ex-officio
Latrice Smalls, Principal
Tameka Smalls-Robinson, Teacher of Year
Brad Kolata, PTA Chair

Frierson Community,

The Frierson Garden Committee would like to update you on the garden.

Thank you to CCSD's Facilities and Management for gifting Frierson a wildflower/pollinator garden. It is already planted, and we should see plants in the spring.

Thank you to Lisa Vandiver for working to get DNR at our school. The spartina grass is planted in the greenhouse in partnership with SCDNR—a huge thank you to all the DNR volunteers.



Shout out to John Hennis and his son (from Ms. Reese's classroom) for creating the birdhouses and for coming to install them around the Frierson Property. We already have birds coming and enjoying their new homes.





Composting is going well. The 6th graders work with Ms. Platt to compost to help reduce food waste at Frierson.





Thank you to Matt from Kiawah Cares and his crew. They are coming out to spruce up the Elementary grades by spreading the gravel for pathways in the upcoming weeks.

We are applying for garden grants for Green Heart ($2,000). Thank you to Jill Chaney for completing the Whole Kids of Whole Foods Market Grant. If awarded, it will be in August.

Green Heart continues to come and do monthly lessons with each grade level. Primary has enjoyed trying purple broccoli, broccoli flowers, and pickled beets, too. Lower and Upper Elementary have green onions, kale, broccoli, strawberries, romaine, and Georgia collards. Our students enjoyed kale salad and broccoli with ranch.









We miss Dr. Linda Geronilla, who passed away at the beginning of March. We lost a great mentor, friend, and gardener who dedicated her time, effort, and love to nurture plants and young minds. Her passion for gardening was contagious! She didn't just plant seeds in the ground but also in our hearts. We learned so much about the joy of gardening from her. Her love for nature and the garden lives on in every plant and tree she helped grow. We're so grateful for all the time and love she put into our garden and the pavilion. We are in the works of planting a tree in her honor. Additionally, for her tribute, we will sell her plants and starter seedlings at the community block party on March 23rd to help raise funds and support the vision she had to plant around the trellises at the pavilion. We send our thoughts and condolences to her family!

Thank you to Heidi Stockman, Sam Gilpin, Tim Carrigan, Maria Higgins, Donna Waybright, Katie Pfeninger, Kristi Harvey, Suzy Gaddis, Delores Mitchell, RoseAnn Hendricks, Stacy Baker, Elizabeth Munn, Jill Cheney, Nanette Tumbleston, Ralph McCarter, Somer Gilbert, Therese Grittner, and many more, all of whom volunteer countless hours and support our garden by checking and fixing the irrigation system, coming to weed and clean beds, planting, harvesting, educating together with Green Heart, seeing a need and taking initiative to help, and more.

In Partnership,
Frierson Garden Committee
Nadezhda Ivanova, Jae Schmitz, Lynn Kramer, Melissa Reese, Dana Platt, Savannah Spivey, and Leslye Tobin-Cobb