

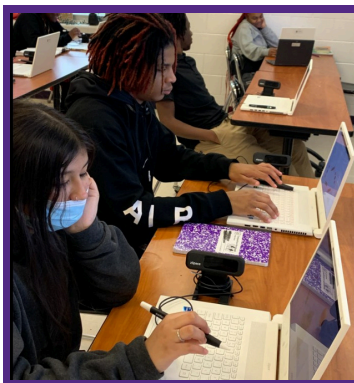
## School Improvement Council (SIC)

The school improvement council is an advisory committee to the principal and school leadership comprised of parents, educators, and community members. Working together collaboratively, our SIC reviews and monitors school initiatives, student data, and programs to focus on the success of students and the school.

SIC extends an invitation to all parents to take an active role by attending as many monthly meetings as possible.

### Members

Davina Coleman, Principal  
Sherika McBride, Chair (Parent)  
Catia Gilbert, Co-Chair (Parent)  
Suzette Fields, Secretary (Parent)  
Geri Henderson, Community Member  
Priscilla Drake, Community Member  
Cynthia Allen, Community Member  
Shelia Alston, Staff Member  
Yolanda Anderson-Miles, Staff Member  
Lenora Jenkins, Staff Member  
Lorna Lamar, Ex-Officio Member  
Joshua Ferguson, Ex-Officio Member  
Grace Beasley, Student Representative  
Tristan Roberts, Student Representative  
Maiya Carter, Student Representative



*WBECHS receives funding for emerging cybersecurity, IT, and arts integrated focused pathways through the MedTech 7 grant.*



## School Improvement Council

### Report to the Parents

**2023-2024**



**BlueRIBBON**  
Schools of Excellence

### Principal

Davina Coleman

### SIC Chair

Sherika McBride

### Mission Statement

*The mission of WBECHS is to develop our community of learners into responsible, world class citizens through diverse curricula that fosters creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication.*



# 2023-2024 at Whale Branch Early College High School



## From the SIC

Each month, the SIC convenes to discuss and present various initiatives aimed at enriching our students' lives. These initiatives are based on needs identified in the strategic renewal plan. This year, our focus areas were:

- **Supporting New Leadership:** Assisting our new principal through a year of dynamic school transformation.
- **Enhancing SIC Effectiveness:** Establishing a highly effective SIC through new bylaws, collaboration, and protocols to help WBECHS achieve all its goals.

## Advancing STEAM Education

While WBECHS has been a proud recipient of the MedTech7 grant for the past two years, we are committed to furthering our STEAM education efforts. To ensure cohesive curriculum implementation, we aim to:

- Complete the STEM certification process.
- Train all teachers in STEAM education.

Certification as a STEAM school is crucial, as the MedTech7 grant funds teacher positions, instructional materials, and training. This ensures our students have access to high-quality STEAM instruction.

## Cybersecurity and IT Focus

Our funding emphasizes cybersecurity and IT, providing students with instruction and hands-on learning opportunities. These experiences can lead to valuable IT certifications, preparing students for jobs in the field after graduation.

## Interventionist Support

The SIC played a key role in advising and supporting Ms. Coleman on the need for interventionists. By identifying this need in the budget, we aim to close achievement gaps and improve student performance on standardized tests.

Through these focused efforts, the SIC is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience and opportunities for all students at WBECHS.



## School Sponsored Activities & Programs

- **WBECHS Wellness Initiative**– The wellness committee organized many activities and initiatives including a staff weight-loss challenge, a new garden to be run by students, and reusable WBECHS water bottles distributed to all students.
- 27 students competed in South Carolina **HOSA** Conference events this spring. 1 student, Zakk Cooke, finished 1st in the Sports Medicine Competition. He will move on to compete at the International HOSA Leadership Conference in Houston, TX this June.
- All WBECHS students attended a **Career Fair** where they received information from 33 vendors. Students got to network with future employers and learn about position requirements.
- The **WISE (Warrior Impact Summit Experience)** was implemented to provide students an immersive journey that empowers young minds with insights and skills to navigate the complexities of both their present and future.
- **WBECHS Theater** students served as actors in a safety demonstration and presentation regarding drunk and reckless driving for the Prom Promise. State Troopers and the Burton Fire Dept made a presentation to all Juniors and Seniors after the accident simulation.
- **Community Picnic and Paint & Fun** providing community members a chance to engage and interact with each other while enjoying snacks and fellowship.
- **Afterschool Tutoring and EOC Bootcamp** kicked off this semester Monday through Thursday including transportation, an afternoon snack, and quality instruction.
- **TIDES** is an expanded academic partnership with TCL where students have the option of earning an Associate Degree.
- **Community Service Initiatives** were completed throughout the year including Principals Ambassadors participating in district feedback focus groups, Community Cleanups with National Honor Society, and produce drive-thru food distributions.
- **Arts Showcase Night** returned to our school in the spring with the Band, Theater, and Dance performing accompanied by a Warrior art display.



- **Scholarship Application Day, HBCU Day, and College Decision Day** continued to educate and engage students in postsecondary dialogue. Students were able to receive information in addition to having hands-on assistance with applications.



23-24 & Our Vision in 24-25

2023-2024's theme is "Ready, Set-GO!"

2024-2025's theme is "Warriors On the Move!"

Transformation of WBECHS began when Ms. Coleman arrived in November 2022. Accomplishments achieved and improvements include:

- 14 students participated in TCL's graduation
- 8 Students completed the Certified Nursing Assistants program through a partnership with TCL.
- 6 students identified as BCSD Senior Scholars
- Warrior Band was named "Best Performing Unit" for the 38th Annual Heritage Days Celebration Parade.
- 23 students competed in the South Carolina HOSA Conference events. 8 students advanced on to the second round while 2 students finished in the top 5 in their respective categories.
- School pride and beautification are in full effect as new cafeteria furniture and outdoor seating have arrived; murals and displays will also be in place before the beginning of the school year. Branded spirit gear has been rolled out for students to wear this year.

Moving into 2024-2025, focus areas will include:

- **Academic Excellence**– Students and staff will be in "Go" mode with rigorous instruction with targeted interventions to improve achievement scores for all students.
- **School Culture**– Celebrations of student success paired with school spirit initiatives will continue to take WBECHS to the next level as we're on the path to excellence!