

School Improvement Council, Meeting Minutes, 5/7/2024

Attendees: Elizabeth King, Steven Diaz, Rob Gilmer, Chris Wormley, Jim Davis, Janie Langdale, Zakiya Esper, Ben Bower

SFES Faculty: Dr. Scandrol, Lynne Trowbridge, Consuela Yisrael, April Barber-Brown

SIC Meeting Opening (5:30 PM): Elizabeth King (quorum established)

- Motion to accept minutes made by Steven Diaz, seconded by Chris Womley; Minutes approved by acclamation

PTO Update (Katie Smith):

- Clay sculptor has been working with students; ArtFest coming up 5/23-24—17 artists participating; parent chicken training coming up soon to help take care of the ones in the coop over the summer; 5th grade promotion and neon dance on 5/29; teacher appreciation week was successful—gift cards, breakfast, teacher lunch, students wrote notes and sent in flowers, snack cart, etc.; Lauren Hudgens stepping down as PTO president after this year

Principal's School Update (Dr. Scandrol):

- ArtFest, 5th grade celebration with talent show, etc.; hosting summer school for SFES, Brennan, and Brockman; maintenance has been mainly focused around HVAC units—newer units, but they've had more issues than the older ones (mostly affecting 4th and 5th grade areas); SC Ready started today and continues through next week

Committee Reports:

- **Maintenance (Bower):** no major updates—appreciative comments from community about maintenance updates in the WAG.
- **Growth (Diaz):** Mentor efforts haven't been too successful in recruitment, focusing instead of building up WatchDogs (possibility of allowing women to participate as well); need to develop a social media campaign to help get information out about the program—may have more interest, but people just don't know about it—possibility of advertising at performances and other events
- **Culture/Diversity (Esper):** Meeting with PTO last month around culture and diversity at SFES; possible survey of parents, teachers, etc.; what would process look like to remove Columbus from 4th grade—not part of the standards; discussed Boone Hall fieldtrip
- **Marketing and Recruitment (Langdale):** Annual report completed and submitted to SFES; some minor edits have been updated; elections for next year's SIC upcoming—plan to close form by noon on 5/15; preference for using paper ballots

Unfinished Business:

- None

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New Business:

- Discussion of transition to new SIC board—meeting to be held on Tuesday June 4; minutes of May meeting to be approved then along with election of new officers for 2024-25
- Substitute fair two years ago yielded two new FT teachers; very successful event that helped to recruit substitutes; not as much need now as then, but still a need; discussion of possibility of a permanent sub
- Vacancies—no surprises—fully staffed with one unknown position. One new 5th grade teacher, a new 2nd grade teacher, a new 1st grade teacher, and a new 4th grade teacher.

Closing (6:11 PM):

- Motion to adjourn made by Jim Davis, Seconded by Chris Wormley

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Gilmer