

School Improvement Council, Hand Middle School

September 26, 2024

Minutes

In Attendance: Dr. Patrice T. Green, Principal; Mr. Brad Tillman, Hand Admin Liaison; Yolanda Smith, Parent and Family Engagement Specialist; Katherine Bryant, Mattie Commander, Lilla Toal Mandsager, Robert Hock, Shayne Kinloch (6:06)

Brad Tillman began the meeting at 5:46 emphasizing that he was going to step us through the agenda but once officers were elected, they would take on that role. Everyone introduced themselves.

Tillman explained the main purpose of the meeting tonight was to elect officers and determine regular meeting days / times. Tillman reviewed last year's SIC goals and said we would work on goals for this year at the next meeting. Lilla asked where the school was in the process of the School Renewal Plan. Dr. Green explained we were starting a new cycle. Robert Hock asked if the plan was readily available. Dr. Green said it should be on the website but also acknowledged that we have a new website service and there have been some hiccups. Dr. Green said if it isn't on the website, it will be up soon. Dr. Green said Ms. Canisha Fletcher will make sure it is updated.

Ms. Smith stated Ms. Kinloch would be joining the meeting soon. Mr. Tillman asked if there were objections to moving the election further down the agenda. There were no objections.

Ms. Kinloch joined the meeting.

Mr. Tillman reviewed the previous year's goals and stated we would have a cluster event in the Fall.

Mr. Tillman stated we would go into elections at this point. Mr. Tillman asked if there were any nominations for Chair of Hand's SIC. Ms. Kinloch asked for clarification for the 2-year term. Mr. Tillman said the 2-year term was to serve on SIC but the officer role is elected each year. Lilla asked if Ms. Kinloch would be willing to be nominated for SIC Chair. Ms. Kinloch said she was okay with that. Ms. Kinloch was voted chair unanimously. Mr. Tillman clarified the roles of the chair, vice chair and secretary. Mr. Tillman turned the agenda over to Ms. Kinloch.

Ms. Kinloch opened the floor for nominations for vice chair. Rob asked about who could serve as officers. Mr. Tillman clarified that Dr. Green and Mr. Tillman could not but school staff and others were eligible. Lilla offered to serve as Secretary. The vote was unanimous for Lilla to serve as Secretary.

Rob stated he didn't mind serving in some capacity but this was his first SIC. Mr. Tillman explained the Vice Chair was a good position to get your feet wet. Rob agreed to serve as Vice Chair.

Ms. Kinloch asked if everyone was good with the 4th Thursdays like we did last year. Mr. Tillman explained he would be unable to be the in-person representative on Thursdays until after the football season was over. There were no further objections to the 4th Thursday at 5:45. Ms. Kinloch asked if the hybrid/virtual option would still be a possibility. Mr. Tillman stated we would continue to have a virtual option in addition to in-person as we could make possible. There was a vote which was unanimous in favor of continuing the 4th Thursday at 5:45 for SIC meetings. Mr. Tillman stated he would plan out the

meeting dates and times and have those available at the next meeting in case there were any obvious conflicts in regards to the 4th Thursday.

Ms. Kinloch took a vote to adjourn the meeting. Rob made the motion and Lilla seconded for the SIC meeting to be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.