

PINEY WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PWES)
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC)

MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2024

8:00 am

- Approval of Minutes July 23rd Meeting
- Discussed upcoming Parent University/Steam Night- Principal's Report
 - Finishing up Fall MAP testing/assessment used to help teachers guide/tailor small group instruction to prepare for state testing
 - New ELA textbook with new standards- teachers diving in
 - State law: parents having access to any supplemental materials teachers are using. Admin hand scanning classroom libraries, school libraries
 - LETRS training mandated by SC, new training for teachers/admin- 2 year commitment
 - 4th grade- CSI field trip
 - First responders parade
 - Flock, Rock, Run fundraiser
 - 9/19- first early release
 - 2nd and 4th grade- CogAT testing/qualifying for Gifted program
- PTO Update
 - Business sponsors- flags/banners around the fence
 - Upcoming FRR- Rock and Roll theme, goal- \$50,000 9/16-9/26
 - Spirit nights (La Fogata, Cash's Chicken) donuts and coffee for first responders parade, teacher support
 - All students get grade level shirt (huge cost that PTO is covering)
 - Contractors GaGa pit, handrail safety, stability
- Reviewed upcoming events
- Old Business
- PWES SIC goals, formatting data, traffic lights/patterns, increasing parent involvement
 - Awareness Wednesday, sub committee, goal with community partners
 - First service learning project- We Care drive (canned foods for Parent University)

- New Business
 - How to gather teacher input/feedback to boost, how can we support them
 - Discussed parent involvement, clubs (moms/dads), social/emotional tiers
 - Ms. Paschal talked about Watchdogs, greeted/ male positive role model
 - First nine weeks- to the parents ask them what would help get them more involved?
- Teacher support
 - Ideas: parents coming in to put stickies in books, donations, label books, team leads send out a Google form for what would help teachers and support them
- Zones of regulation/PBIS, self regulation- all feelings are okay, need to know how to handle them
 - School board elections, how to get info out to parents
- Community Partners Update
 - Good News club still looking for volunteers? Supposed to start in October

- Next Meeting Tuesday October 1st
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