

SIC MRHS MEETING MINUTES -6:00 PM, Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Chair, Mrs. Laura Jacobi. In-person attendees and online attendees were present.

1) Welcome

- a. Attendee introductions

2) Approval of Minutes from Aug. 21 and Sept. 18 meetings:

- a). motion to approve meeting minutes by Tristan Burch
- b). Second motion by Michaela Torres

3) Vote on Changes to Bylaws-

- a). Chair, Mrs. Jacobi explained details of changes to SIC By-laws prior to approval of changes.

- b). Committee voted unanimously to the three changes in the bylaws

1)Change Article 3, #4- Representation and Membership-Change was made to have 3 representatives instead of 2 representatives from the greater school community by the principal. This change also eliminated the non-parent requirement to greater school community.

2)Change Article 3, #6- change from mandatory for current and past Teacher of the Year to be assigned as Ex-officio members to, them being assigned as Ex-officio member if they wish to hold that position. This change allows former and current TOY to be Teacher reps for SIC.

3)Article 4, #4- Election and Appointment Procedures- changed how students are chosen. The MRHS student Body President and Vice President will be assigned to serve as SIC Representatives under the Student Government Constitution.

4). Principal's Report- Dr. Karon Webb gave an overview of the MRHS school report card categories, scores and indicators. Dr. Web stated he would like SIC assistance in coming up with a celebration for the Excellent rating attained by MRHS.

- a) MRHS received an excellent score of 67 for 23-24 school year

1) Students take two specific tests (Algebra I and English II) that weigh heavily into the academic ratings.

2) High School students take a total of 4 End of Course exams in the state of South Carolina (Algebra 1, English 2, Biology and U.S. History).

b). MRHS received below average in school climate

c) ML(Multi-lingual) category also had a rating other than good or excellent, includes all grades.

d) New indicator added- High School Student Success. This indicator only took into consideration freshman from last year. State will add the newest freshman class every year until all grades are included, 9-12.

e) Questions About the Ratings

1) Mr. King asked the question about ML rating. We ranked higher than district and the state in this category, yet we received a below average. Do we know why that is? Dr. Webb responded he will hit on each indicator and has some thoughts as to why that rating is low.

2). Parent asked a question about the academic rating. How does freshman scores in English and Math and 1 year of school's scores represents the whole school's academia? Dr. Webb's response was that the system is developed by the state's Education Oversight committee, so there may be some factors involved that may not be clear. Parent commented that senior scores would seem to be the ones that were used to determine school's success. Dr. Webb explained this approach may have lag in the real achievement of the students since it would be looking at 2-3 years earlier vs the current year.

3). Parent asked question about ML score- What grades are included in that indicator? Dr. Webb responded that all grades are included in the ML rating.

4) Parent asked question in regard to the EOC is it a standardized test that all the schools around the state are given and all students take the same exact test. Dr. Webb response was that this is correct.

5). MRHS 5-year School Renewal Plan- School Climate Goal

a) Dr. Webb highlighted the point that the school scored Good to Excellent in most areas, but below average in school climate.

b). Mrs. Jacobi went over the school climate Performance Goal on the MRHS 5-year School Renewal Plan.

c). SIC will work with the school to help improve the School Climate score over the next 5 years. SIC will focus on school climate as that is the area where SIC members have the biggest impact because it is determined by school survey that includes teachers, students, and parents.

1) Student voiced concern- School climate being impacted about the parking lot congestion and increase in accidents right outside of school campus and on New Riverside Road. Student suggested having staggered dismissal would eliminate the congestion and improve students' view of school climate.

2) Community member asked if there were any information given or indicators detail about what the responses were to the survey? Mrs. Jacobi commented that she went as far as the district level to see if she could get those responses, but no answers.

3) Ms. Carter commented that she would like to better understand what the points are for the survey to better understand why we got a below average in school climate.

4) Mrs. Jacobi commented we will dig deeper into the school climate. We can't get access to responses however we will see some of the broad categories that maybe we could influence as a school, for example teacher perception of instructional focus.

5) Students suggested an anonymous survey for the school, but Mrs. Jacobi responded that there was pushback on schools doing their own surveys. Student government are working on a better way to get data from student body.

6) Upcoming Events

a). Next SIC Meeting is Wednesday, November 20th.

b). Homecoming Week, October 21-26th

c). School climate will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Mrs. Jacobi suggested committee members and attendees write down questions and ideas and be ready to suggest at next meeting.

7). Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.