

School Improvement Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

5:30 - 6:30pm

- I. Call to Order – 5:35pm
- II. Welcome and Introduction of Members and Visitors
- III. Review and Approval of Agenda/Minutes – read by Mrs. Goodwin, motioned moved to approve by Katia Gilbert and seconded by Lakeisha Doctor.
- IV. Old Business
 - i. School Mural update – Dr. Leach – Paintings will be changed that does not represent our school especially the graffiti. It will be replaced with representation of early college high school paintings. Meeting will be held with community stakeholders and board members. If parents have any suggestions, please share them with Dr. Leach.
- V. New Business
 - i. Student driving in parking lot/SRO monitoring – Dr. Leach – A parent expressed concerns about students driving erratically in the parking lot. Our SRO Officer Webb has addressed students and he is still monitoring.
 - ii. Teachers transition to middle school – Dr. Leach - Students have not been impacted by the teachers transferring to the middle school. Students’ schedules still have the classes they need to graduate. Their schedule has a different teacher than originally scheduled. Transfers were made in were made in January.
 - iii. Cell phone/headphone policy review – Dr. Leach – The cellphone law has been doing well.
- VI. Principal’s Report
 - i. EOC FALL Results – Dr. Leach – End of Year scores showed an improvement in all but US History. Mrs. Hamilton-Pierce, English teacher, is working with Mr. White and his students to teach reading strategies.
 - ii. Upbeat Survey Results – Dr. Leach - We are at 68% and trying to improve our overall Climate Survey. Strategies have been put in place to address that.
 - iii. Reading Plus Diagnostic Results – Dr. Leach - Mid-year school-wide testing was completed today. Students work on reading on Reading Plus during homeroom.

- iv. IXL Diagnostic Results – Dr. Leach - Mid-year school-wide testing will be done on Wednesday. Students work on math on IXL during homeroom. Data will be analyzed.
- VII. New Business
- i. School Renewal Plan – Dr. Leach – We have finalized the School Renewal Plan. The School Renewal Plan goals will be posted that the teachers and staff would like to see for next year. Parents may provide feedback and suggestions.
 - ii. Budget 2025-2026 – Dr. Leach – We were spending good but was told to halt our spending because of the changes with our government. We will need to hold on to our funds we now have for next year. We are hoping Title 1 will not be pulled.
- VIII. Athletic Report – Dr. Leach – AD Sullivan is not here. We are in spring sports. We have soccer, softball, baseball, and track going on right now. We want to invite parents out to support our student athletics in our spring events. Interviews were done for a new football coach. Coach Hatcher is retiring. A final candidate, Brandon Stoudemire, has been selected based upon references. He may work with the spring sports and summer workouts. For next year, we are looking at a more robust weight lifting program for all athletics.
- IX. MedTech7 Program Overview – Dr. Lakeshia Brantley
- i. STEM Integration Update – Teachers are implementing STEM activities in their lesson plans. Upcoming STEM Day on the Airstation. JROTC and CyberPatriots, and Project Lead the Way plans to attend. For next year, we are looking at ESport as a club to partnership with Nidwick. We visited DOD schools to show students what Whale Branch has to offer.
 - ii. STEM Certification Process - We are on target with STEM certification and working on the final piece at the end of the year. Plan to continue to implement more next year.
- X. Questions, Comments, and Concerns
- Dr. Leach – Title 1 Survey, Parent Compact survey, and Parent Engagement surveys are posted on our website under the School Improvement Council page. Parents are encouraged to have a voice.
 - Parent – Grades are not being updated weekly. Dr. Leach will remind teachers to update grades weekly.
 - Dr. Leach – The SIC parent survey will be sent to Mrs. Anderson-Miles to place on the website for parents to access.
 - The next SIC may be in conjunction with the Spring Into Health event with Whale Branch cluster schools. We will have cotton candy, apple candy

booths, fun activities such as egg decorating, cookie decorating, and different activities. More information will be forthcoming.

XI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.