School Improvement Council
MEETING MINUTES
Edith L. Frierson Elementary, virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, March 11th, 2025
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Principal Smalls called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. The meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Attendees:
Latrice Smalls, Savannah Spivey, Patrikina Cline, Leroy Linen, Josh Roberts, Brad Kalota, Audrey Mack, Nicole Barnes, Monica Smith, Bethany Burnsed, Katherine Simmons, Deana Commodore,

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A. Principal Smalls shared a link to the February 11th meeting minutes for review.
B. A motion was properly made by Audrey, seconded by Josh, and approved unanimously.

3. Principal's Report

Principal Smalls

- Activities and events
  - March Mathness (Numeracy Night) March 18th
  - PTA Block Party – March 22nd
- SC Ready test prep has started for 3rd – 6th grade.
- All teachers will soon be trained in OGAP
- The school has been working with the Stronger Connections grant to provide students with bullying prevention resources.
- The Black History Program was very successful
- Construction for two classrooms has begun
- The school is 100% compliant for Title

4. SIC Roles and Responsibilities:

- Conversation to move Judge Linen and Deborah Grant into the community member roles due to possible conflict of interest of current members in the role.



SIC Officers & Reps

Ross Anderson – Chair, Parent – V
- Meeting Facilitation
- Principal and CCSD liaison
- 5 Yr Plan Committee member

Brian McClure – Secretary - Parent – V
- Documentation
- Communications

Savannah Spivey – Vice Chair, Parent Educator NV
- Communications
- In-School Topics

Latrice Smalls – Ex-officio – Principal – V
Brad Kolata – Ex-officio member - PTA Chair, NV
Josh Roberts – Parent – V
Mellissa Reese – Teacher – V
Bethany Burnsed – Teacher – V
Dana Platt – Teacher – V
Audrey Mack – Community Member – V
Pat Cline – Community Member – V
Monica Smith – Community Member – V
Heather Grant – Ex-officio member – TOY, NV

Subcommittees: (w/topics)

Facilities & Capital Improvement & Grounds
- **Chair: Tracae McClure**
- Historical Marker – (Audrey Mack)
- Classroom Construction (??)
- Multipurpose Room – (Josh Roberts??)
- CCSD Liaison (Pat Cline??)
- Parking Lot Expansion (??)

Enrichment Activities Community Engagement
- **Co-Chairs: Lindsay Betterton / Mellissa Reese**
- Tennis, Third Serve Foundation (??)
- Salt Marsh Education (NOAA & DNR)
- Mentors Matter (AP – Ms. D?)
- Garden & Farm – Greenheart (Stockman?)
- 3D Printing & Drone Club (???)
- CTE – Career & Tech Education (CCSD)
- Interim Gym / Stage Access?

Enrollment & D9 Feeder Pattern & Middle School Growth
- **Chair: Savannah Spivey**
- **Advisers: Pat Cline / Monica Smith**
- Enrollment Growth
- D9 Retention
- Middle School Creation
- Haut Gap Matriculation
- St. Johns Matriculation

Policy Monitoring and Resource Advocacy
- **Co-Chairs: Brian McClure / Josh Roberts**
- 5 Year School Renewal Plan (Ross Anderson)
- Dick & Riley Tunkey Award App
- Grant Writing & Partnerships
- Federal, State, District Policy Monitoring

5. Committee Updates:

Facilities & Capital Improve & Grounds – Tracae McClure (5)

Ross and Tracae attended the District 9 Constituent Board meeting with CCSD Capital Projects Team. Below are key takeaways from the presentation:

- The D9 Community Informational on the Phase VI Sales Tax and will be held ***May 8, 2025*** at 6pm in St. John's cafeteria.
- Surveys will be distributed by each principal to solicit feedback on capital projects for the Phase VI Sales Tax Referendum; surveys must be completed by ***May 30, 2025*.**
- Visit this webpage for information on the Phase VI process https://www.ccsdschools.com/divisions/operations/capital-programs-bf/phase-vi-capital-program

Maintenance Projects

Tracae shared some maintenance requests with Mrs. McCanick and work orders were submitted for the following:

- Replace the outside entrance light closest to the cafeteria.
- Request pot holes in the bus loop are repaired.
- Request murky water fountain is addressed.
- Address flooding in boys bathroom.

Historical Marker

- The status of the approval to install an Historical Marker is still pending.

Gymnatorium / MPR

There were wonderful public comments made at a CCSD Board of Trustees meeting by East Cooper Montessori advocating for a facility, and an article was published which made it seem that Frierson has a district funding plan. Some of you may have seen it here. After reviewing the BOT meeting video of the meeting for comments made by the district to address the request, it appears to have been a reporting mistake and there is no evidence that a funding plan has been developed. To avoid any confusion I'd like to reinforce that at this time, our advocacy approach remains the same:

- Keep an eye on the State funding request. Be present as finalists and present at the SC-SIC Annual Meeting, continuing to raise our school profile and stated needs.
- Advocate for project to be funded during Phase V, at same time as new classrooms
- Advocate at the May 8th, 2025 Capital Projects Community meeting at St. Johns
- Complete the CCSD Phase VI Captial Projects survey when it is distribute

6. Public Comment – No public comments

7. Announcements

- Josh and Ross will be attending the Annual SC SIC conference.
- Johns Island Alliance invites SIC members to their meeting at the Johns Island Library. March 20th, 6:00 – 7:30pm.
- St. Johns Church has applied to be one of Frierson's local faith-based partners.
- Principal smalls is asking for community support regarding EMS response times to the school.
- A building will be named in honor of Judge Linen on March 11th, 11am.

8. Adjourn