School Improvement Council
MEETING MINUTES

Edith L. Frierson Elementary, virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, April 29th, 2025
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
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1. Welcome & Introductions – Members and Guests (10)

Ross called the meeting to order at 5:32

- For attendees, see screenshot and list below:



SIC Officers & Reps

Ross Anderson – Chair, Parent – V-Yr2
- Meeting Facilitation
- Principal and CCSD liaison
- 5 Yr Plan Committee member

Brian McClure – Secretary - Parent – V-Yr1
- Documentation
- Communications

Savannah Spivey – Vice Chair, Parent Educator NV – Yr1
- Communications
- In-School Topics

Latrice Smalls – Ex-officio – Principal – V
Brad Kolata – Ex-officio member - PTA Chair, NV
Josh Roberts – Parent – V- yr2
Mellissa Reese – Teacher – V- yr2
Bethany Burnsed – Teacher – V- yr2
Dana Platt – Teacher – V-yr2
Audrey Mack – Community Member – V-yr2
Pat Cline – Community Member – V-yr2
Monica Smith – Community Member – V-yr2
Heather Grant – Ex-officio member – TOY, NV

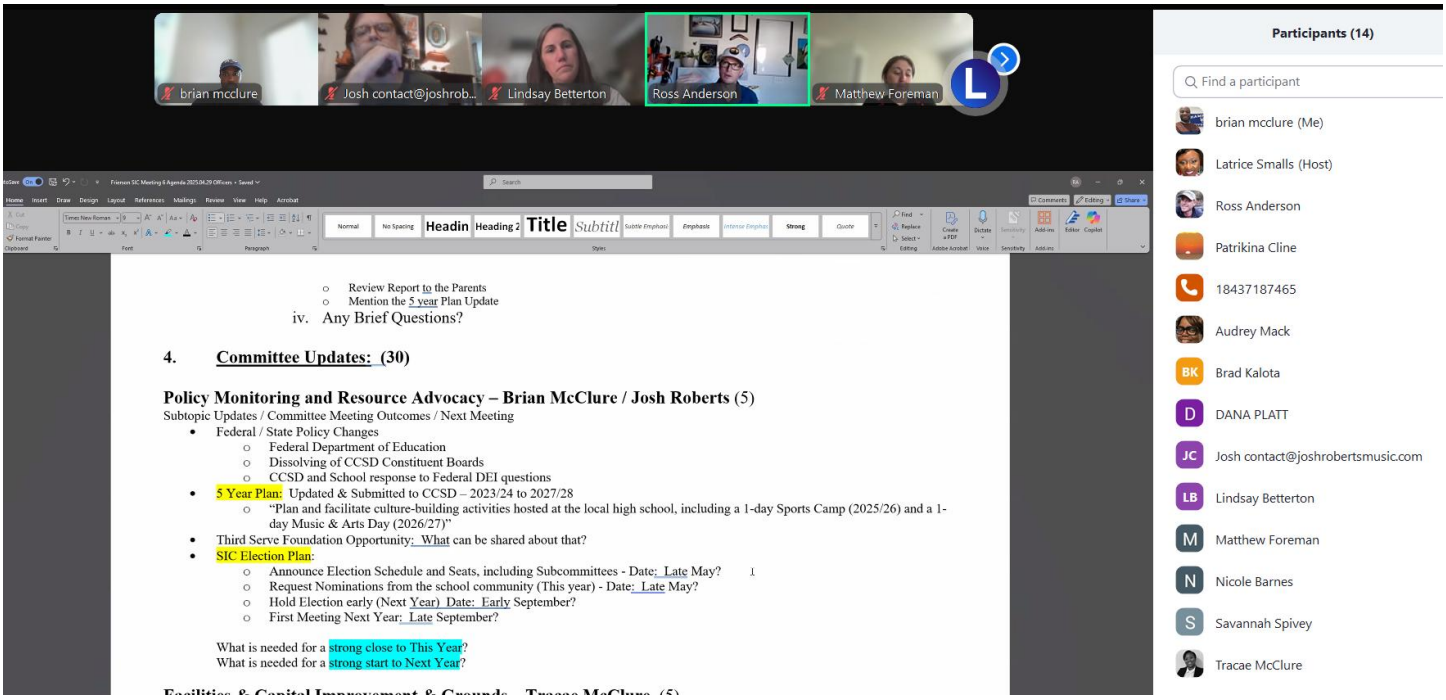
Subcommittees: (w/topics)

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 Kline / 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)
- Carol & Dick Tunkey Award App
- Grant Writing & Partnerships
- Federal, State, District Policy Monitoring



Provided updates on the following Headlines:

- Updated the 5 year plan (Share the Updates)
- Dick & Tunkey Riley Award Results
- Dept of Education Dissolution
- CCSD Constituent Boards
- 3rd Serve Partnership Expansion – Literacy
- Annual Report to the Parents – Due April 30th
- SIC Elections: Nominations
- **Audrey Mack recommended sharing recognition for Dick & Tunkey award with local Wadmalaw paper.
    - Pat Klein also suggested letting Maggie Dangerfield know.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (5)

- Miss Melissa moved and Brian properly seconded. Unanimously approved.

3. Principal's Report (10)

Bylaws (5e) - "The Principal or his/her designee will be scheduled on the agenda of every regular SIC meeting to share information on school activities, successes and concerns."

- Noted that construction of classrooms are underway and on schedule
- Have put out an offer for a middle school teacher.
- Staff appreciation week begins next week
- Receive i-ready banner for 2nd year in a row
- A couple of upcoming trips
- Next year will be a band program
- Music teacher (Mr. Carter) will be full time

4. <u>Committee Updates:</u> (30)

Policy Monitoring and Resource Advocacy – Brian McClure / Josh Roberts

Provided brief highlights of the following:

- **Reviewing Annual Report to Parents – Due 4/30**
- **Dissolving of CCSD Constituent Boards**
- **State held a hearing on a bill that would subject teachers and librarians to 10 years in prison**
- **Issue with start times for District 9. The Committee should discuss over the summer and be prepared to have a plan and plan of action for the fall.**
- CCSD and School response to Federal DEI questions
- SIC Election Plan:
  - Announce Election Schedule and Seats, including Subcommittees: Date:
  - Request Nominations from the school community (This year) Date:
  - Hold Election early (Next Year) Date: Tuesday - Sept 9th?
  - First Meeting Next Year

- ****Get info to Miss Barnes including on sub-committees to larger ELF community**

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

- Biggest thing is completing the phase vi survey. Folks completing should select D9. They are Due May 30.
- Tracae noted the CCSD Capital Programs Citizens Input Meeting @ St. Johns Cafeteria. Will be a top priority for next year. Link for flyer can be found here.
- Historical marker is still under review

Enrichment Activities Community Engagement – Lindsay Betterton / Mellissa Reese

- Added community engagement event to School Renewal Plan for 2025 / 26 School Year
- Ross noted that next year we should be focused on trying to host partner event with St. Johns
- Event at St. Johns High School for Edith Frierson, next year
- Over the summer activities like Fields and Families

Enrollment & D9 Feeder Pattern & Middle School Growth – Savannah Spivey (5)

- Working on getting a pamphlet out to communities advertising programs
- STJ had a great field day. But should see as an opportunity to build deeper relationships.
- Principal Smalls shared there will be a "meet the teacher" on May 21st

PTA Updates – Brad Kolata

- The last meeting for the year is scheduled for tomorrow at 6pm
- Big breakfast on Monday
- Duty Free Lunch Friday

5. **Public Comment -** No public comment made.

6. Announcements – None provided

7. Review assignments and agenda for next meeting (5)

1. **Get info to Miss Barnes including on sub-committees to larger ELF community**
2. Audrey Mack recommended sharing recognition for Dick & Tunkey award with local Wadmalaw paper. Pat Klein suggested sharing with Maggie Dangerfield.

8. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 6:32pm

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13th - 2024, 5:30 to 6:30p.m **Zoom Meeting***