

**Lady's Island Middle School
School Improvement Council (SIC)
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Attendees: Chavon Browne, Scott Shipsey, Kathy Bingham, Geneva Young, Linda Navorska, Don Navorska, Zoom – Melanie Martin, Jessica Blackman, Leslie Roldan, BCSD members Mark Koll, Freddie Lawton Jr., Quackenbush Architecture firm representative Barb Haller.

The meeting began at 6:04 P.M. C. Browne welcomed all to the meeting. Pledge.

C. Browne introduced our speakers this evening,

- Mark Koll, Freddie Lawton Jr., and Barb Haller. Mark gave an overview of the new timeline for the construction of the new LIMS building. Mark explained that the cost of the building has been reduced from seventy-six million dollars to sixty-one million dollars. With the reduced funding the footprint of the school has changed. A portion of the school will now be three floors instead of two floors. Barb Haller reviewed the new floor plans and locations for all academic classes, and athletic fields. Barb stated that the tentative construction startup of the school will begin in April of 2026. Move in date for the new school is scheduled for December of 2027. Quackenbush Architecture Firm will be back to talk to the staff and SIC in the fall of 2025 to review updates and timelines.

S. Shipsey gave the Chair Report

- Our School Improvement Council would like to have a co-chair in place for the 2025-266 school year. A secretary is needed for SIC as well.

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C. Browne gave the Principals Report

- C. Browne shared celebrations with the group. The chorus, dance and theater classes all held performances the past week.
- The art department will have their Art1 portfolio night May 22, 2025.
- Ms. Pinner did an amazing job with her PBL lessons in photography.
- Beaufort High School seniors will participate in a "Senior Walk" here at Lady's Island Middle School on May 20, 2025.
- Lady's Island Middle School identified 24 new gifted and talented students for the 2025-2026 school year.
- SC Ready testing window ran from May 1, 2025 – May 16, 2025. C. Browne reviewed the 2024-25 SC Ready proficiency projections. C. Browne mentioned that growth in our gfvf students has been seen. The final report for SC Ready will be available in the fall of 2025.
- Our eighth graders will celebrate their graduation on May 28, 2025, at 10:30am in the gym.

- M. Martin asked C. Browne if LIMS is fully staffed for the 2025-26 school year. C. Browne said that we will need a math and ELA and two special education positions when we begin the new school year. C. Browne said that she negotiated with the BCSD on saving teacher position here at school. C. Browne saved five positions here at school. We are losing three teachers to the overage list. Those staff members are being assigned positions at schools within the district. All academic art classes/teachers remain in place.
- The summer schedule is out, and LIMS will be busy. LIMS will host summer school, the Cougar BOOST program for rising sixth graders, SISA, and the Medtech Camp will be at our school.
- C. Browne thanked everyone for participating in the School Improvement Council this year. We look forward to starting up again in September of 2025.

Next LIMS SIC meeting: September 2025 @ 6pm in the library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.