

**Lady's Island Middle School
School Improvement Council (SIC)
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

Attendees: Chavon Browne, Scott Shipsey, Linda Navorska, Don Navorska, Melanie Martin, John Spatig, Leslie Roldan, Jessica Blackman, Hakeem Barnes, Ashley Bissell, Alexandria Britt. Zoom – Geneva Young, C. Mincey, Nicole Smalls, nilayas1222, Shaquina Gillison, Renee Roberts, Jessica, Lacoyia Brown, Saltwater Mikey, P. Simmons-Hill, Anna, Juvonna Chatman-Jenkins

The meeting began at 6:00 P.M. C. Browne welcomed all to the meeting. Pledge.

S. Shipsey gave the Chair Report

- S. Shipsey explained the purpose of the School Improvement Council. We are an advisory council for the principal. Per SIC middle school requirements we need two elected parents, two elected teachers and half as many appointed community members. Principal is an ex officio member. We are pleased to announce the LIMS student Harper Hauff will be LIMS student representative. A full slate of officers needs to be in place by October 15th.
- As a council we will decide on two school goals.
- S. Shipsey updated members on the LIMS access road at Gay Dr. A four-way light is planned and is presently under the permitting process for the new entrance road to LIMS.
- Art teacher Ms. Coleman has offered to redo the aging photos located in the front office. This is a timeline of photos during the first twenty years of our school. She will use her after school art class to complete the project.

C. Browne gave the Principals Report

- C. Browne mentioned that the start of the school year began smoothly. School opening and car rider lines went safely and quickly.
- Live School is up and running. Students can earn points and receive rewards.
- Student government campaign speeches have taken place. Students will vote tomorrow.
- Our arts integration with dance is up and running.
- Librarian Mrs. Sargent reported that students have checked out over 800 books so far!
- C. Browne explained that LIMS lost a net of four teachers from the 2024-25 school year. Title 1 funds were used to cover cost of two of those employees.
- LIMS needs to fill an 8th grade ELA position and two paraprofessional positions.
- Enrollment is presently at 363 students this year. Last year we ended with 340 students.
- Our Prowl Partners program (PTO) is underway.

- C. Browne will continue to send out her Monday announcements to all parents. Look for the Cougar Courier every Monday morning at 7am.
- Ms. Pinner is overseeing a 9-11 event to be held at our school on Saturday, September 13th. Participants will be walking along the track to honor those who were involved that day. St. Helena fire department will be in attendance.
- LIMS major fall fundraiser, Cougar Color Run has begun.
- Open House will be held on September 16th at 6pm.
- Report cards go home on October 17th.
- Our next SIC meeting will highlight updates on the new LIMS building. Quackenbush Architects and BCSD personnel will be in attendance.

J. Blackman – ABC update

- J. Blackman reviewed the mission and vision of the ABC program. The program will receive \$13,000 this school year. We are excited to host the spring ABC state meeting. Our ABC recertification is up for renewal. A large part of maintaining the ABC grant money is that the school budgets appropriately, attend all meetings, and submit artifacts. J. Blackman will keep us all posted about upcoming meetings.

Avery and Leila presentation on lunchtime schedule

- The girls stated with documentation that at times they are only receiving a few minutes to eat at lunch time. They stated that with a 20-minute lunchtime they do not have the proper time to eat with their friends. C. Browne said she would investigate and work on a solution. C. Browne first assessment was that the classes were taking too long to get from their classroom to the lunchroom. C. Browne and SIC members applauded the girls for attending the meeting with facts and solutions.

Next LIMS SIC meeting: October 14, 2025 @ 6pm in the library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Shipsey