

**Lady's Island Middle School
School Improvement Council (SIC)
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

Attendees: Chavon Browne, Scott Shipsey, 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, Lacyia Brown, Saltwater Mikey, P. Simmons-Hill, Anna Vazquez, Juvonna Chatman-Jenkins, Will Smith, Christina Washington, Koleen Marflak, Mariah Kinnie, zakarahd0808, Tarsha

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 that we need a cochair and a secretary for SIC.
- S. Shipsey deferred his time to BCSD officials and Quackenbush Architecture firm to allow time for the presentation of our new school.

C. Browne gave the Principals Report

- C. Browne mentioned that the school's color run held here at school reached 62% of the money goal.
- This is National Principals week.
- LIMS will host a Parent Engagement Night in November. Attendees are requested to RSVP to the invite so that the proper amount dinners may be ordered.
- Results of our school report cards have been delayed until November. C. Browne noted that we will have a lot to celebrate – preliminary results show progress.

Quackenbush Architecture firm update with new school

- C. Browne introduced Barb Haller from the Quackenbush Architect firm from Columbia, SC, as well as BCSD employees Mark Kohl and Freddie Lawton from the BCSD. M. Kohl and F. Lawton explained their roles in the construction of the new school. Both gentlemen oversee construction projects for the district.
- B. Haller said the construction process is still in the permitting phase. Move in date for the new school is scheduled for December of 2028.
- B. Haller said construction should begin during the summer of 2026. The new school's schematic - exterior and interior were reviewed. The newly introduced 3 story version was reviewed. Barb has mentioned that it is cost efficient to build vertically instead of horizontally. The result is a smaller footprint which allows for the athletic fields to be built near existing sites. The new design keeps many of the grand trees on property intact.
- The new school building's capacity is 600 students with space available adjacent to the building to add additional classrooms. Space is referenced/identified in the blueprint for an indoor theater in the coming years.
- Questions from parents and board members.

- William Smith would like to see the theater added - noting the quality of the arts department presently at LIMS and the community demands for a theater for all.
- The stage will be in the gym for performances.
- Members asked that the new gym's dimensions be double checked to compare with our existing gym.
- Permitting will continue over the next months, as well as reviewing/modifying blueprints.
- C. Browne requested that questions be emailed to her, and she'll make sure B. Haller receives and answers them.

Next LIMS SIC meeting: **Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 6pm** in the library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Shipsey