SIC Meeting Minutes

Richland Northeast High School SIC

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6:00 pm

Richland Northeast High School Media Center & Virtual

Columbia, SC

SIC officers/members present: Ms. Erica Serbin (Chair), Dr. Marlon Thomas (Principal), Dr. Pamela Williams (Faculty), Ms. Tinika Pierce-Boney (Assistant Principal), Mr. Wardell Rouse (Faculty), Ms. Sonja Merriwether-Hawkins (Magnet Director), Ms. Derrika Thompson (Faculty), Ms. Elisa Diaz (Richland Library), Mrs. Michelle Morrison (Parent), Ms. Jeanna Smith (Parent), Ms. Jessica Brandes (Parent), Ms. Danielle Whaley (Parent), Ms. Shawn Williams (Parent), Dante Green (Student Leader), Journey Schofield (Student Leader), Malia Johnson (Student Leader).

Call to Order:

Ms. Erica Serbin called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Review of December Minutes:

There were no corrections to December 2025 minutes. A motion to accept December minutes was made by Ms. Erica Serbin approved and Ms. Danielle Whaley 2nd the motion.

Student Representative Report:

Ms. Journey Scholfield (Student Body President), Mr. Dante Green (School Spirit Chair/Senior House Proletarian), Ms. Mila Johnson (Senior Class Secretary) Hope 360 is now complete. Richland Northeast will be hosting a Middle School Leadership Camp on Saturday, January 31, 2026. Schools involved are Kelly Mill Middle, Longleaf Middle and Dent Middle Schools. Students will learn about what exactly student government is, how to be a good leader in the

community, and the benefits of being a leader, along with much more. There are several pageants gets coming to Richland Northeast. The Lemon tree pageant, Mr./Ms. RNE pageant and Little Mr./Ms. RNE pageant. The Lemon Tree pageant is for online students. Little Mr./Ms. RNE pageant if for elementary children, which will be held on February 16, 2026. The Mr./Ms. RNE pageant will be held on January 24, 2026, at 6pm in the District Auditorium. The theme this year is “Old Hollywood”. Tickets will be on sale for $5.00.
February 9-13, 2026 will be Spirit Week. February 13, 2026 will be “Coming Home.” (Also, Senior Night) This will be the last home basketball game for the season.
April 2, 2026 is Spring Fling. This year’s Spring Fling is: THE YARD-Unity and Action. It is going to be a BIG International Festival. Starts off with a pep rally, then moves to a celebration with friends. There will be food trucks and vendors. If anyone knows anyone that would like to perform with international dances, skits, etc. Please notify Student Government so they can assist in getting it set up. Also, they are hoping to have taste testing from the different cultures. If anyone wants to donate for taste testing, that would be welcome.
Lastly: GRADUATION, May 22, 2026 8am (sharp) at Colonial Life Arena.

Question was asked about possibly allowing teachers to be contestants in the Mr./Ms. RNE pageant. No able to accommodate this current year but will possibly be looked at for next year’s pageant (Coach Rouse was interested 😈)

Administrator’s Updates:

Dr. Thomas & Ms. Pierce-Boney: We are off the ATSI list (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement list). HUGE Accomplishment. The reason it is so HUGE is because it normally takes 6 years to be taken off the list. It took RICHLAND NORTHEAST only 3 years to do such. Also, Richland Northeast High is the first school in Richland Two to exit ATSI status after the first accountability cycle. CONGRATS!!!
Fall EOC:
English 2: with “C” or higher was up. Fall of 2024: 40.60%---Fall of 2025: 51.50%
Algebra 1: with “C” or higher was up Fall of 2024: 24.73%---Fall of 2025: 27.50%
Biology 1: with “C” or higher was slightly down. Fall of 2024: 33.08%----Fall of 2025: 21.30%
US History: with “C” or higher was up: Fall of 2024: 18.40%---Fall of 2025: 19.00%

Please remember that the EOCs count at 25% on our overall report card. Also, keep in mind that Biology and US History in the Fall of 2025 did not have the honors sections.

We have two District Incubator Program Winners.
Team 1-Science won $15,000 to design and build a schoolwide greenhouse.
Team 2-CCR won $5,000. These students will be surveying seniors to see how they would like to allocate these funds.
Remember: CCR is 19% of the report card

OPEN HOUSE: January 22, 2026, from 5pm to 7pm. The Open House will be from 5pm – 6:15pm. Then the parents will attend “Parent University”. The Hispanic families will meet in the media center (we will have individuals to help in case there is a language barrier). All the other parents will go to the auditorium for their university class.

SIC Goals & Committees Report:

A. Parent Involvement: Meeting on January 14th, 2026, with Administration to discuss the Ed Foundation.

Parent Awareness: March 26, 2026, from 6pm – 8pm. The Title is known as: Cavalier Family Partnership Night. There will be childcare available. There will be several workshops’ parents/families may attend:

- School Counseling Services
- Ask the Principal (hopefully he will be on board)
- Seat time/Attendance
- MLL Family Support

Possibly setting this up for a raffle at the end. Everyone has a “passport” and as you complete the “workshop” you get your passport stamped. If you get all your stamps-you will be entered into the raffle. Possibly if the parents attend-let the student “win” a homework pass???
Will need to have families register to get head count for dinner and childcare.

B. School Climate: They were unable to meet. They plan to meet before the next SIC meeting.
C. Attendance/Student Engagement: Met on January 13, 2026
    a. Coach Rouse has requested to be added to this committee
    b. Mentoring Program Update: On Track Together mentorship will begin the week of January 26th, 2026. There are both English and Spanish speakers. The mentorship will be held during the student’s lunchtime. The program has received a grant from the district in the amount of $500.00 for supplies.
D. Elective & Athletic Fair: (Lunch Fair) To have a separate luncheon for local businesses. The school invites community members to speak with students in classroom settings.
    a. March 12, 2026: Annual Career Day. Recruiting community partners to participate. If you can think of anyone that would like to present to the students: please let Ms. Serbin or Ms. Harris know.
E. Fundraising: Richland Two District policy was attached to tonight’s agenda. Water seemed to be a big suggestion. The district states that schools can ONLY sell unhealthy snacks for 30 days during the school year.

F. Rewarding Attendance: Working to find rewards for NFL (Never Found Late) or NBA (Never Been Absent)
G. Faculty/Staff of the Quarter: Wanting the parents and students to vote. Also include administrators and teachers.

New Business:

- Reminder: Career Day is March 12th, 2026
- Model UN. Students have been informed that Model UN is being discontinued. Question: Does Model UN have to be proctored by a teacher or could someone else volunteer.
- Les Miserable Field Study is Sunday, January 20th, 2026

Adjourn:

Title I Disclaimer was read by Mr. Dante Green

Dismissed at 6:57pm by Ms. Erica Serbin

Next Meeting: February 2, 2026