

## School Improvement Council Minutes

### Members in Attendance:

Hafez Hayek  
Paige Mayhew  
Joe Oestreich  
Norman McQueen  
Ryan Carter  
Trena Kirby  
Presley Leopard

Mrs Kirby requested a motion for approval of minutes from the previous meeting - motion entered by Carter and seconded by Joe. Minutes approved by committee.

Mr McQueen introduced a new member (Dr Keiner) and then reviewed the current difficulties that have underlies the onboarding process as part of the development of the SIC goal from this year.

The SIC would be requested to be on hand for onboarding and parent/student questions while completing this process.

Dr Keiner asked if CCU Admissions could be invited to participate. Mr McQueen expressed interest in this but also expressed difficulty with the handwritten forms. Dr Keiner offered help getting in contact but Mr McQueen then expressed that the SIC would be more directly helpful but would reach out early to do so. Joe said we can reach out to Trey at CCU for help as well and Dr Keiner agreed he would be a good contact. Mr McQueen agreed and would reach out once a date is set.

McQueen - 523 students in HCS alone qualify to apply and this doesn't include all pools such as private so applications will likely be high. Dr Hayek asked about how these kids are informed and Mr McQueen said they have been emailed about the recruitment nights in addition to the robocalls that will go out from HCS to targeted audiences starting early December. In addition McQueen sent reminders and updates as well. The private and charter schools will also get materials for students that qualify and these materials are ready to distribute.

Kirby asked for thoughts on the goal and any needed changes. Dr Hayek motioned to approve with Carter as second. Approved as written.

Library funds request was approved last meeting and they have arrived as needed.

Principals report -

Recruitment season is here. Two down with fourteen to visit total. With contact started. Interest is up due to ranking about how we function. All information is on the school website or HCS website. Finished registration for spring with master schedule requests in process. Verifications will be after break for all 209 students.

He requested input for where we are and what needs to be addressed with the registration process. How can we streamline the process? Balancing classes has been difficult due to ccu class schedule changes especially with the freshman finance class.

Joe - How can Coastal make things easier for scholars? Contacts with humanities college are likely to set up schedules soon so sharing information would be helpful.

McQueen - can put together a one pager that could be shared especially with conflicts with high school and state issues especially with scheduling issues and seat time. High school PE will no longer be permitted over summer before 9th grade which may fix some issues.

Keiner agreed the information would be helpful for the chairs when making their schedule plans and McQueen said it could be put together this week.

Presley - honors credit for scholars students? Keiner is in support of this as long as the seats are available. McQueen said we need to find a way to share the information with the students better. Possibly look at the courses the students tend to take we could see which ones would be the best honors connections.

McQueen - We will build a master schedule in January and what section we will need. By the time we meet in Feb it should be ready to process for next school year.

Good news - 4 school board members have provided incentive money to celebrate the success of the report card. Ordering shirts for staff and students hopefully before winter break. Shoutout from provosts newsletter and Post and Courier article. Celebrations will continue.

Paige was asked about how the year is going. Shared excitement about hard work paying off.

McQueen shared some student reactions from the middle school as well as from the community.

Kirby asked for questions or other issues.

Joe asked about the reviewing of the books process and what that means for Coastal courses. McQueen shared that it is for our library and classes and would not apply for dual enrollment courses as far as he has been told.

Next meeting is January 28.

Presley motioned to adjourn and Carter seconded.

#### Future Meetings

January 28, 2025

February 25, 2025

March 25, 2025

April 29, 2025

Scholars Academy Graduation

All meetings are held virtually at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.