Richland Northeast High School SIC

Monday, February 9, 2026

6:00 pm

Richland Northeast High School Media Center

Columbia, SC

SIC officers/members present: Ms. Erica Serbin (Chair), Dr. Marlon Thomas (Principal), Dr. Pamela Williams (Faculty), Ms. Tinika Pierce-Boney (Assistant Principal), Ms. Maribelle Robinson (Assistant Principal), Mr. Donald Byrne (Faculty), Mr. Wardell Rouse (Faculty), Ms. Alexis Black (District Member), Ms. Elisa Diaz (Richland Library), Mrs. Michelle Morrison (Parent), Ms. Jessica Brandes (Parent), Mr. Pierce McNair (Parent), Ms. Danielle Whaley (Parent), Ms. Malia Johnson (Student Leader), Mr. Donte Green (Student Leader), Ms. Ken'Nasia McRae (Student Leader).

Call to Order:

Ms. Erica Serbin called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. There were no corrections to the January minutes. A motion to accept January minutes was made by Ms. Serbin and second by Ms. Jessica Brandes. Title I Disclaimer was read by Mr. Donte Green.

Student Representative Report:

Ms. Malia Johnson (Student Leader), Mr. Donte Green (Student Leader), Ms. Ken'Nasia McRae (Student Leader) were all present. As of TODAY: there are 64 days until GRADUATION (not that anyone is counting) On Thursday, February 5, 2026, the Little Mr. & Ms. RNE Padget took place. Friday, February 13, 2026, The Coming Home Pep rally will be held. March 20, 2026, will be Senior Night with the Cavalier Classic Basketball Game. The money will be given in increments of two $1,000 scholarships for individuals. This will be in memory of fallen Cavaliers. Spring Fling is April 2, 2026: The Yard: Unity and Action. This will be an International Festival, bringing different cultures

together. Student Government state trip will be held from March 13 – 15, 2026. Junior and underclassmen will attend and bring back a wealth of information for next year.

Student House are selling carnations for Valentines Day in the amount of $5.00 each. The Freshman House are selling candy bags. When you order the candy bags, you may also get a “singing delivery”.

Senior Week is May 11 – 15, 2026, with GRADUATION-May 22, 2026.

Administrator’s Updates:

Dr. Marlon Thomas: Richland Northeast High School was named the 2026 Top Magnet School of Destination (Excellence). Our applications were the highest in the nation in terms of how magnet programs are ranked. A team from Richland Northeast will be going to San Diago on April 13, 2026, to accept the award.

Title 1 Disclaimer:

Title 1 was read by Mr. Dante Green

SIC Goals & Committees Report:

1.**Parent Involvement (Dr. Pamela Williams):**

Parent event is March 26, 2026, 6-8pm. Fazoli’s will be donating food for the dinner. This event is going to provide childcare. During the dinner, there will be one big session and then after dinner, there will be 2 break out sessions for about an hour each. This committee is working to make sure all items are covered.

2. **School Climate (Ms. Danielle Whaley):**

During Advisory for the next 4 weeks will consist of educating students about the upcoming school survey. This will help the students understand how important the survey is and how the survey affects the school. Each week, the education will be highlighting a section of the survey. Students will take the survey on March 11, 2026, during advisory. Teachers/Administration will take the survey on March 13, 2026. After this, the parents will be able to take the survey. The parents’ surveys WILL NOT be calculated into the report card, however, the report will advise on how the parents feel about their school.

3. Attendance/Student Engagement Committee (Ms. Erica Serbin):

Faculty Staff of the Quarter is suggested to be discussed between advisory class and sending the information out over the morning show. Update on the mentoring program: The program has been operating for about 3 weeks now. All mentors and mentees have been matched. The students that were chosen due to chronic absences. Ms. Black is tracking 2 things: one to see if students' attendance has improved and secondly to see if the student's sense of belonging increases. The program is looking promising, and the results will be noted at the end of the "trial" period. The athletic/elective fair is put on hold due to some possible changes being made for the new school year. NFL/NBA is still being worked on. Going to ask Ms. Clark is she knows of any student that may have perfect attendance.

New Business:

Ms. Erica Serbin attended a Richland Two meeting via zoom. One of the concerns was about enrollment concerns. There are several charter schools opening for the 2026-2027 school year. The problem is there may be a possible 1500 student difference. Richland Two School is still investing in their teachers. They are still planning to increase teachers' salaries and adjust cost of living. In the meeting, drafted calendars for the school year of 2027-2028 were presented. They were having school starting as early as August 3 and ending school before Memorial Day. There were also many longer breaks during the school year.

Dr. Thomas stated that Richland Northeast is projected to lose about 16 students due to the new charter schools.

Ms. Tinika Pierce-Boney stated there will be a Sonic night coming soon. The Ed Foundation will receive about 10% of sales. The date will be sent out when decided.

Ms. Elisa Diaz stated that the Northeast branch of Richland Library is offering "classes" for teens. DJ Neptune, who is a Richland Northeast graduate, is offering free DJ workshop. Over the summer, the library will also have a cooking workshop with a chef. Ms. Diaz will send the schedule out for everyone to see.

Questions/Concerns:

Reminder: Next meeting will be on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6pm.

Possibly changing the April meeting due to Richland Northeast High being presented with the 2026 Top Magnet School of Excellence.

Adjournment:

Without any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7pm by Ms. Serbin. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00pm at Richland Northeast High School media center.