MEETING MINUTES

School Improvement Council
Hampton County High School Cafeteria/TEAMS Meeting
Date: January 20, 2026
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

January

1. Those in attendance were Cassandra Williams, Kathleen Veach, Lauren Paul, Claire Lanier, Eddie Gibson, Sheriff Anthony Russell, Lacy Vaughn, Junetta Williams, Genalle Murphy, Jazmyn Smith, and Laquisha Hopkins
2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes were not available from the December meeting. Kathleen Veach stated they would be available for approval in the next scheduled meeting.
3. Principal's Report Mrs. Williams discussed various events that have occurred and upcoming calendar items. On January 8th and 9th, there was a Department of Workforce Fair that was well attended. On January 9th, a Walking Taco party for those who earned it was held. January 16th was the Mock eLearning day, and it was successful. January 29th, Hopeful Horizons – Erin's Law session for students. The opt-out letters were provided. Mrs. Paul provided a link for additional information in the TEAMS meeting chat. February 17th – Students will be recognized for their EOC perfect scores. February 23-March 31st, is the window for climate surveys. This year, she asked for creative ways to assist in getting parents involved in returning their surveys. She is working with CSI to provide an incentive or meeting time/place and asked if SIC has any ideas to be able to share. She also reported that the clubs were going well. Many had started up again after the Christmas break.
4. Guest Speakers –Sheriff Russell was present and discussed various ways the Hampton County Sheriff's Office is assisting with providing upgraded safety measures at the current Hampton County High School Building and what is in the plans for the new Hampton County High School building. Currently, there are license plate reader cameras that are assisting with identifying those cars that are in the area. These can also be used with future safety protocols where a person or vehicle could be identified prior to them coming to the school building. The entry into the building will only be through the front doors. Staff, students, visitors will all only access the building through this one entrance. Once inside, there is a waiting area and an SRO is there. A concern regarding before school clubs such as chess, crochet, and art and poetry clubs meet before school hours. Mrs. Paul asked what the protocol for students and staff using these time frames to participate in extra curricular activities. This will be discussed further at a future date. He did state that the entry would be expedited and not as slow as the process is now because the security detectors are two poles and students walk through. There are large monitors that can then view if a student or visitor is entering with something that is not permitted and that can be addressed quickly. He is in the process of writing grants for additional officers and upgraded security measures that could assist in the case of an intruder or other type of security situation on the campus. He reported that there are over 200 cameras in the new building. An intel analyst can tap into the school cameras 24/7 to provide security measures. He did report that not all of the cameras in the initial building plan were able to be funded, but he is also working on discussing this with the district personnel and writing grants to provide other funding streams. He is in the process of hiring a grants writer who would assist with identifying, writing, and facilitating the grant process. He mentioned that a support letter from HCSD Superintendent, Mrs. Williams, and the School Improvement Council would be beneficial when applying for such grants.

5. Committee Reports: (10)
    a. Advocacy and Community Engagement (attend school board meetings, agency meetings that may assist with support such as Rotary, Business Groups, community organizations).
        a. Kathleen Veach attended the December 16th school board meeting and reported the following information.

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1. – Phase 2 of the athletic complex bidding was discussed and there will be an additional meeting of the board to discuss this further and review all bids and what each company is including in the bid.

ii. PSAT data was discussed and will be reviewed along with other data, such as EOC and iReady at a called meeting in February.

iii. PSAT data will drive the discussion for the opportunity to add additional courses such as AP classes as identified by the aptitude reports.

iv. Scheduling will be discussed and new courses will be added based on this data.

b. Kathleen Veach also reported that she had reached out to Tractor Supply Company in Hampton regarding current Ag. Classes and program. Received information on how to access grants and support from TSC.

c. Garden Clubs – report back to assist Ms. Beena with Garden Club.

i. Weed and Seed Club met in December and we are waiting for additional information regarding their support. Mrs. Veach will touch base with them.

b. Traffic and Safety – work with the SRO and LEO to address traffic and safety concerns.

a. 1 administrator, 1council representative, SRO/LEO (5)

b. Meeting information brought back to SIC.

6. Public Comment – No additional information was shared.

7. Announcements – Dates for upcoming events were provided in the Principal's report.
School Clubs – were also updated through the Principal's report.

8. Review assignments and agenda for next meeting
Based on data collected at today's meeting, tasked to:

Continue attending board meetings and contact school personnel to assist with identified committees. Upcoming School Board meeting dates were shared with all in attendance and all were encouraged to attend or watch the online-streamed version since this is now an option. January 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 17,

Report regarding Committee meetings at the February Meeting.

9. Adjourn at 5:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Date: February 17, 2026, 5:00 to 6:00.pm., Cafeteria/TEAMS Meeting

SUBMITTED BY- Kathleen Veach