



Virtual School Improvement Council Meeting

Agenda

Thursday January 8, 2026

1:00 pm

- 1. Reading of the minutes from last month's meeting.**
- 2. Principal's Report**
- 3. New Business**
 - a. Parent and Family/Community Engagement
 - b. A school dance/fundraiser. More details to come later.
 - c. Other suggestions
- 4. Comments and/or Concerns**
- 5. Upcoming Events**
 - a. Report Cards will be sent home - Friday, January 9, 2026
 - b. Quarter 2 Stingray Celebration Party: No referral/No F's - Friday, January 9, 2026
 - c. South Carolina Aquarium 5th grade trip - Monday, January 12, 2026
 - d. Anchored in Excellence Awards ceremony - Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 8:45 am - 9:45 am.
 - e. MLK Jr. Holiday-No school- Monday, January 19, 2026.
 - f. Winter Wonderland Literacy Night- Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 4:00pm-6:00pm
 - g. Beta Club Fundraiser – January 8-Feb. 6, 2026.
 - h. The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge campaign- Fundraiser: Online registration and

giving and heart healthy/physical fitness activity fundraiser- dancing - February 9-27, 2026.

6. Adjourn

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Minutes

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Mode: Virtual

Participants

DeonAndr'e Richardson	Principal, ex-officio member
Chadwick Hawkins	Assistant Principal, ex-officio member
Shirley Bates	Chairperson, parent/community member
Kyreem Oakes	Teacher
Marsha Hough	Teacher
Katrina Tolbert	Teacher
Jessica Collins	Teacher's assistant, parent
Tiffany Beaver	Teacher's assistant, grandparent
Louvenia Hunter	Parent
Sharon Owens	Grandparent
Myrtis White	Parent Liaison

The virtual SIC meeting opened with greetings and welcomed everyone back from winter break and wishing all a happy new year. Minutes from December's meeting were read and a motion was made

and second to accept the minutes. Principal Richardson gave the Principal's Report, highlighting the upcoming events and celebrations for our scholars which included the Stingray Celebration for scholars with no behavioral referrals, no F's, and no failed classes; the 5th grade trip to the SC Aquarium in Charleston, S.C., and the trips to Skateland for scholars who are on the A/AB Honor Roll and/or received Leadership Awards this quarter. First-third grades and fourth-sixth grades will go on separate dates this month. The sixth-grade scholars will also be going on a field trip in February. Mr. Richardson also informed us that we have a new fifth grade ELA teacher, Mrs. Mims.

New Business

Parent and Family/Community engagement - The Parent Liaison spoke briefly about an upcoming fundraiser in February which will be a school dance, given to raise funds for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. The Parent Liaison explained that FES participates every year in fundraising for Kids Heart Challenge and most of the donations given online, however, we also do an extra fundraiser in support. Therefore, we are hosting an afterschool dance to raise donations for KHC. This will also be a family engagement event where parents can attend and dance with their children. The dance event is, "*Dancing Through the Decades*" and parents and children get to dress up in attire representing different decades. There will be more details to come towards the middle of January/beginning of February.

Mr. Oakes, fourth grade teacher, will brainstorm for other ideas as well to promote parent and family engagement and offer those ideas to the Parent Liaison. He also mentioned that the Beta Club is asking for donations of resources and materials and to contact Mrs. Miller for more information. Mr. Oakes will email the Parent Liaison the list of items needed to post to ParentSquare.

Comments/Concerns

There were no comments or concerns mentioned at this time.

Upcoming Events

The council reviewed a couple of flyers that related to the upcoming events. These events were posted to ParentSquare today.

The meeting adjourned.