

Brennen Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC)

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (5:30-6:30)

Brennen Elementary Media Center

Attendees:

Tiffany Ligon, Mike Harmon, Stephanie Blackmon, Jake Chapiesky, Kara Knight, Sarah Owens, Lee Patterson, Caroline McManus, and Kacey Sweatt.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

A. Welcome

Mike Harmon, Chair of the School Improvement Council, opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

B. Review and Approval of October Minutes

The council reviewed the October meeting minutes. It was determined that the minutes still require updates and will be revised and sent to elected officials for further review and approval.

C. Principal's Report

Principal Tiffany Ligon provided updates on several school initiatives. She reported that work is ongoing on the installation of the new perimeter fence to enhance campus security. She also shared updates regarding the academic calendar, school goals, and recent events, including the Halloween door decorating activities.

D. PTO Report

PTO Co-Presidents Kara Knight and Sarah Owens presented the PTO report. They shared that more than 60 families attended Literacy Night, which was considered a great success.

They announced that Girls on the Run will meet at 8:30 AM on Saturday in front of Hendrix. The PTO also shared plans to support families in need by assisting with costs related to the Thanksgiving luncheon.

An update was given on the 2025 Color Run, which exceeded fundraising expectations and was reported as a huge success. The PTO also discussed the growing need for

increased security at large school events such as the Color Run, movie nights, Veterans Day programs, and other community gatherings. Possible security measures, including improved check-in procedures and the future use of mobile metal detectors, were discussed.

Additionally, the PTO provided an update on the “Brennen Bucks” initiative. There were seven submissions for projects requesting over \$250 and four submissions for projects requesting under \$250. The application process for Brennen Bucks will remain open through January.

E. SIC Initiatives for 2025–2026

Mike Harmon provided an update on the ongoing success of Paw Pals at Brennen and emphasized continued efforts to improve and streamline communication.

He also shared updates regarding Career Day, scheduled for November 13–14, 2025. While a few volunteer slots remain open, overall participation is strong and coverage across grade levels is in good shape.

The council discussed pursuing the Dick and Tunky Riley Award, with plans to specifically target application efforts for the 2026–2027 school years.

Additionally, the creation of a parent survey was discussed to assess family resource needs and identify areas where additional support may be helpful.

F. Faculty and Community Updates

No additional updates were shared, aside from continued discussion surrounding the development of the parent survey.

G. Review of Action Items and Next Meeting

Action items were reviewed, including updates to the October minutes and continued work on the parent survey.

The next SIC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.