



Dreher High School School Improvement Council

Dreher High School - School Improvement Council
MINUTES from Thursday, September 10, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

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1. Introductions- Meeting was called to order at 5:03pm in the Principal's Conference Room. There were 7 people in attendance. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. SIC requirements for representatives- The following documents were shared. SIC representatives will be elected during the October Meeting
3. SIC annual deadlines- The following documents were shared.
4. Principal's Update- Dreher received a high honor from *US News and World Report*, and although this is great news, there is still room for growth. Richland One announced the National Merit Finalists- 5 of the 7 are Dreher students. Dr. Baskett emphasized the importance of being punctual- the number of tardies has decreased. The school's vision for 2026-2027 is "Live in Excellence"- there are 1118 students enrolled, 909 have received zero referrals (which is 81%), and 428 positive referrals have been documented. Lunch detention has replaced After-School detention, which was hard to make students attend. The large number of unnecessary fire alarms is being addressed- this includes the future use of SmartPass. SmartPass is an electronic hall pass system which can produce multiple forms of data. Two additional teachers have joined the Dreher Family!
5. How to determine the SIC goal and activities to support the goal- The following documents were shared.
6. Adjournment- Next Meeting will be held October 1, 2026 at 5:30pm in the Principal's Conference Room

Annual SIC Compliance Calendar

This calendar highlights key annual activities and deadlines to help your SIC remain in compliance with state law and best practices

Timeframe	Required Activity
JULY-AUGUST	- Review local SIC bylaws. - Begin recruiting prospective SIC members.
AUGUST-OCTOBER	Conduct parent, teacher, and student nominations (where required) and elections.
BY OCTOBER 15	Complete all required SIC elections.
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER	- Appoint community representatives - Organize the council and elect officers.
BY NOVEMBER 15	Report current SIC membership information through the SIC Member Network.
JANUARY	Publish the annual meeting schedule, including the date, time, and location of each regular meeting, in accordance with FOIA.
JANUARY-MARCH	Begin planning and drafting the annual <i>SIC Report to Parents</i>.
BY APRIL 30	Distribute the annual <i>SIC Report to Parents</i> to families and stakeholders.
BY JUNE 1	Upload the annual <i>SIC Report to Parents</i> to the SIC Member Network.
THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR	- Participate in the development, monitoring, and evaluation of the Five-Year School Improvement Plan. - Conduct regular SIC meetings. - Maintain meeting agendas, minutes, and records. - Update local SIC bylaws (as needed) and upload to the SIC Member Network.

TAKE ACTION

This is where your work comes to life.

Up to this point, your council has clarified its purpose and put the structures in place to work effectively. Now, it's time to take action, focusing your time and energy on a meaningful improvement project that supports your school community.

SICs have many responsibilities throughout the year.

This section focuses on one important part of that work:

taking a priority and turning into meaningful action and impact.

An SIC project doesn't happen all at once. It happens through small, consistent steps over time.

Your project might look like:

- Planning and carrying out a new program
- Supporting a school improvement goal
- Hosting or supporting a family event
- Improving communication with families
- Partnering with community organizations

Every council's work will look different.

But effective SICs maximize their impact when they focus on taking action that moves their priorities forward.

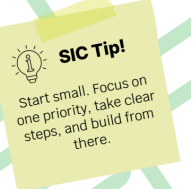
What This Section Will Help You Do

This section will help your council:

- Identify and focus on a priority
- Turn goals into clear action steps
- Plan and carry out your project
- Track progress and adjust as needed
- Reflect on your work and measure impact
- Tell the story of what you accomplished

The goal is not to do everything.

The goal is to do what matters, well and consistently.



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DEFINE YOUR PURPOSE | PREPARE YOUR COUNCIL | TAKE ACTION

SETTING PRIORITIES

SICs often have many critical issues they could address: attendance, academics, school climate, communication, and more. **Strong councils do not try to do everything.**

They focus on what matters most and where they can make a meaningful impact. This process will help your council identify one main priority to focus on this year.

Brainstorming

What are the top needs in your school community?

Think broadly about the challenges, opportunities, and areas for improvement. (Examples: attendance, literacy, math achievement, mental health, school safety, family engagement, etc.)

Which 1-3 priorities should we focus on this year?

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Check Your Priorities

Use these questions to guide your decision:

- ☐ Does this align with school goals or needs?
- ☐ Is this supported by data? (e.g., the SC School Report Card, School Improvement Plan, and SC School Climate survey)

Would this create a large or small impact on student outcomes?

Is this something that would be easy or complex for our council to achieve?

Our Main Priority

What is the one area we will focus on most?

*Clear priorities create focused action.
Focused action leads to meaningful impact.*

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Membership

State law establishes minimum membership requirements for SICs. Every SIC must include elected representatives of key stakeholder groups and may include additional appointed and ex-officio members.

Required Composition

South Carolina Code § 59-20-60 requires each SIC to include specific member categories to ensure balanced representation.

At a minimum, every SIC must include two elected parent representatives, two elected teacher representatives, at least one appointed community representative, and the principal as an ex-officio member. Schools serving grades nine and above must also include two elected student representatives.

SIC membership is organized into three categories:

- Elected members** include parent, teacher, and student members elected by their respective stakeholder groups.
- Appointed members** are community representatives appointed by the principal to serve on the council.
- Ex-officio members** serve on the council because of the position they hold, including the school principal.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT

Your SIC must meet the minimum membership requirements.

- ✓ Maintain at least the minimum number of required members in each category.
- ✓ Ensure elected members make up at least two-thirds of the elected and appointed membership.
- ✓ Document all members and their roles.
- ✓ Report membership annually to the [SIC Member Network](#) by November 15.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 1
Membership reporting window opens in the [SIC Member Network](#)

October 15
Deadline to conduct elections

November 15
Deadline to submit annual membership report to the [SIC Member Network](#)

MINIMUM SIC MEMBERSHIP QUICK REFERENCE		
Member Type	Minimum	Selection
Elected		
Parents	2	Elected by parents
Teachers	2	Elected by faculty
Students	2*	Elected by students
Elected		
Community Representatives	1	Appointed by principal
Ex-Officio		
Principal	1	Serves ex-officio
*Only required in schools serving grades nine and above.		