

JAMES SIMONS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 MEETING PACKET

Organize • Orient • Prepare for Meaningful School Improvement

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
9:00–9:30 AM | JSM Library

Peace • Passion • Purpose

1 | September 30 SIC Meeting Minutes

James Simons Montessori School | Wednesday, September 30, 2026 | 9:00 AM | JSM Library

Meeting called to order by: Beth Dillenkoffer	Time called to order: 9:08
Members present: Dylan Woodward (Kids on Point) Amy Conroy Rosie Herold Todd Jenkins Amy Conroy Ginger Liner	Members absent:
Guests/Public: Jarrett Amanda Bagdonas (SIC Board of Trustees) Kimberly Gleason Rachel Constani Anna Benitiz Addie Daniella Ramos Alistair Allison	Minutes recorded by: Todd Jenkins

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Notes:
From Miss Beth

2. Introductions

New/returning member notes:
Dylan Woodward from Kids on Point (KOP)
Julia from Dart Library has relocated and is no longer a community representative member

3. SIC Purpose & Responsibilities

Key discussion points:
School Renewal Plan
-goals and subgoals have changed
-we are at the end of the 5 year cycle based upon baseline data. The district has stated the goals and subgoals cannot change during the 5 year cycle.. Traditionally JSM would change and update the goals and subgoals once they were met.
WSF-Weighted Student Funding plan
Beth asking for feedback about the goals and School Renewal Plan.
It is unclear if we are on year 4 or 5 of the 5 year plan and need to confirm.

4. 2025–26 SIC Year in Review

Key discussion points:
-debunking around Iready and attendance (chronic absenteeism vs truancy)

-pushed out math games

5. 2026–27 Membership & Elections

Membership/term information confirmed:

We need to have a chairperson, a vote was taken and Ginger Liner was elected and accepted.

Items requiring follow-up:

Actions taken:

6. 2026–27 SIC Officers

Chair: Ginger Liner _____ Vice Chair/Co-Chair: _____ Secretary: Todd Jenkins _____

Action/decision or reason deferred: we will vote on Vice Chair in the November meeting

7. Looking Ahead: 2026–27 School Improvement Work

Discussion summary / information requested for November:

We need to confirm whether we are in year 4 or 5 of the 5 year plan and to vote on the vice chair position.

8. Member/Public Comments & Next Steps

Summary:

Amanda Bagdonis :Low Country Connect meeting: went to a 2 hour training session regarding SIC support training and how to draw more parent activity. She reports there were about 40 attendees at the LCC meeting.

Beth: mentions the new timing of stacking the Coffee with Counselor, PPP and SIC meetings.

Jarrett: asks about SIC specific goals, praises debunking series, the homework strategy, and suggests trying to map classroom tools in regard to testing performance in order to explain how Montessori teaching/techniques translate to testing success.

Beth: suggests perhaps a Montessori debunking session would help explain Jarrett's suggestions.

Rosie: personal account on her own initial exposure and questions about Montessori and a family bingo card related to educational activities with reward program as a mechanism to bridge in-school learning to home/community application.

Ginger suggests making a video for the debunking Montessori session explaining the in-class tool and how/what it teaches.

Beth suggests Jarrett working on debunking Montessori session.

Jarrett emphasizes connecting the dots for

Kimberly: "O gap" reference

Shannon:: discusses manipulatives as a teaching tool and asks what specific explanations the group desires

Beth: suggests a parent survey about math after the Math Night

Shannon: asking for input on what to discuss with family during Math Night

Jarrett: how to better promote Math Night and socialize it

Allison: notes she wasn't sure who Math Night was for in regard to grade levels

Beth: begins to wrap up the meeting

Ginger suggests moving meetings' start time up and expanding SIC to 45 minutes

Amy: next session, homework involved with next SIC meeting, hoping for more data from district

Beth: asks Dylan about Teacher Wishlist Initiative

Dylan: references wishlist being sent in August and the need for his organization to connect with that and bridge gaps between his organization and the school and teachers

Rosie: explains students presenting their learning for a few minutes in a meeting

At some point Danielle Ramos asked how children may qualify for math intervention. Beth responded that to qualify for math or reading intervention you either have to score at or below the 30th% percentile on the most recent iReady diagnostic assessment and/or score Does Not Meets on the previous year's SC IReady

Action Items

Action / Follow-Up	Person Responsible	Due / Status
review school report card		

Motions / Votes (if applicable)

Motion	Moved by / Seconded by	Vote	Outcome

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 9:00 AM | JSM Library

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:37am_____.

2 | SIC 101: Quick Guide for JSM Representatives

A one-page orientation for parent, teacher, community, and school representatives.

WHAT IS SIC?

The School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. Every South Carolina K–12 public school has an SIC. The principal serves as an ex-officio member, and councils include elected parent and teacher representatives and appointed community representatives.

WHAT DOES SIC DO?

SIC supports school improvement work, completes an annual Report to Parents, and assists with the school's state Report Card narrative. At JSM, our council will use school priorities, data, and stakeholder input to identify where the council can meaningfully support improvement.

SIC IS NOT THE SAME AS PPP CAFÉ

Parent Peace • Passion • Purpose Café is an informal family voice opportunity for questions, celebrations, feedback, and ideas. SIC is the formal school improvement advisory council. Family voice gathered through PPP may inform SIC work, but the two serve different purposes.

2026–27 JSM SIC Representatives

Parent Representatives	Todd Jenkins Ginger Liner
Teacher Representatives	Saurikhane Konekeo Rosie Herold
Community Representatives	Dylan Woodward (KOP)
Principal / Ex-officio	Beth Dillenkoffer
Additional Ex-officio	Amy Conroy Status to verify against JSM bylaws

Four Dates to Know

Date	Responsibility
October 15	Complete required SIC elections.
November 15	SIC membership fully entered and updated in the SC-SIC Member Network.
April 30	Annual SIC Report to Parents distributed to families/community.
June 1	PDF of Report to Parents uploaded to the SC-SIC Member Network.

JSM Improvement Cycle: Identify a Need → Set a Goal → Take Action → Monitor Progress → Evaluate Impact → Report to Families

Source note: Prepared from CCSD SIC Resources, SC-SIC Member Network guidance, SC-SIC Resource Library, the JSM 2025–26 Report to Parents, and JSM's 2026–27 Family Engagement calendar.

3 | Membership, Bylaws, Terms & Officers Verification

Use this page to resolve the remaining governance items before the roster is treated as final.

Member	Category	Selection / Status	Term	Verified
Todd Jenkins	Parent	Elected - verify	_____ to _____	☐
Ginger Liner	Parent	Elected - verify	_____ to _____	☐
Saurikhane Konekeo	Teacher	Elected - verify	_____ to _____	☐
Rosie Herold	Teacher	Elected - verify	_____ to _____	☐
Julia Brandel	Community	Appointed - verify	_____ to _____	☐
Dylan Woodward	Community	Appointed - verify	_____ to _____	☐
Beth Dillenkoffer	Principal	Ex-officio	N/A	☐
Amy Conroy	Administration	Verify bylaws basis	_____	☐

Bylaws Review

- ☐ Locate the current JSM SIC bylaws.
- ☐ Confirm date adopted / last revised: _____
- ☐ Confirm whether bylaws establish an Assistant Principal ex-officio position.
- ☐ Confirm officer positions and the process/timing for selecting officers.
- ☐ Confirm term lengths and staggered-term procedures.
- ☐ Note any revisions needed as SC-SIC prepares councils for the 2027–28 bylaws requirement.

2026–27 Officers

Chair: _____

Vice Chair / Co-Chair: _____

Secretary: _____

Administrative Follow-Up

- ☐ Complete any required elections by October 15.
- ☐ Finalize the official 2026–27 roster.
- ☐ Request/renew the principal/AP SC-SIC Member Network account.
- ☐ Enter and verify complete membership by November 15.
- ☐ Update the JSM SIC webpage after membership and officers are final.

