CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
2026-2027

Date: November 12, 2026

SIC Meeting Minutes

School Improvement Members- Derrick Ambas (Community Member), Parker Blessinger(Student), Jamie Meissner(Parent/Secretary), Vivian Rachman(Student), Kathryn Sullivan (Teacher/Vice Chair), Pricilla Svendsen (Parent/Chair), Matthew Verone(Teacher)
Ex-offico Representative- Laura Smith (Assistant Principal/ Principal Representative)

Agenda

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Attendees

Derrick Ambas, Parker Blessinger, Jamie Meissner, Troy Miller, Vivian Rachman, Kathryn Sullivan, Pricillia Svendsen, Matthew Verone, Laura Smith

Updates

This was the first meeting of the school year. Roles were voted on and it was determined that Svendsen would Chair for the 2026-27 school year, Sullivan will Vice-Chair, Meissner will serve as the Secretary. Smith gave a printed copy of the SIC Handbook to everyone in attendance, and a year schedule of all the meetings. Smith informed the group that SOA was applying for the Palmetto's Finest, which has a rigorous application. Svendsen spoke about the beautifications around the campus that began over the summer. Sullivan spoke about the desire to see the school goal, regarding how students perceive the school environment, go up in the next survey. Meissner asked about the girls' bathroom conditions, given the percentage of female students versus males at SOA. Rachman and Blessinger spoke about the need to improve the bathroom conditions at the school. It was determined after discussion that this would be a worthy project for the SIC to start with.

Action Items

Smith and Svendsen will investigate the possibilty of a double toliet paper towl holder for the women's restrooms.
Blessinger and Rachman will speak to the FEM Club for a partnership. They will also speak to the student body and keep them in the loop about the SIC Project.
Meissner will look into a grant, if the need for more feminine products is required.

Important Information

Five Year Renewal Plan- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wwgRDscTxswdV8JZ2U86o2CnOiotIRMn/view?ts=6afb51d8
SOA SIC BY-LAWS- A goal for this schoolyear to develop
SIC Calendar- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aCztKd9SbxOdmbWltfaKudGHOGKVJdjw/view?pli=1
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