

School Improvement Council Meeting

October 17, 2024

Members Present: Mirandi Squires (Principal of Johnsonville Middle School), Ben Jackson (Teacher at Johnsonville Middle School), Emily Grier (Teacher at Johnsonville Middle School), Heidi Dumm (Chair of the SIC elected by the School Community), Rebecca Parales Proctor (Elected by Parent Member), and Margaret Askins (Appointed Community Member)

On Thursday, October 17, the first meeting for SIC was held in the Johnsonville Middle School Media Center. After welcoming and introducing our new SIC committee members for the 2024-2025 school year, Mrs. Squires reviewed the expectations of the SIC member duties. The central focus for SIC is to work together to improve the school. It was shared that discussing the school's needs, improvement ideas, and developing goals for JMS were expectations for the SIC committee. Goals that SIC developed last year were shared as examples.

Mrs. Squires presented the SC State Report Card data for JMS and the rating of *Excellent* that the school received from the state. PowerPoint slides and handouts were shared with state test scores for each grade level at JMS, and the school's scores were compared to those of other nearby middle schools. Johnsonville Middle School was the only middle school in Florence County to receive an excellent rating on the school report card. It was also shared that out of 350 SC middle schools, Johnsonville Middle School was ranked 37th out of the only 45 middle schools in SC to receive an excellent rating. Information concerning state test scores on the School Report Card is attached in the PowerPoint presentation.

After discussing the school report card rating, the principal shared essential dates on the school calendar and website. Fruit sales and the need for a successful fundraiser for JMS were also discussed. Money from the fundraiser is used to purchase incentives for the students and other needed supplies. At the conclusion of the meeting, members were asked to think about goals that the school could work on at the next meeting, which will be on November 19 at 6:00.