

WMES School Improvement Council Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2023



I. SIC Business

- A. The November School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting started at 4:35 P.M. The minutes for the October SIC Meeting were approved with changes. The motion was made by Mrs. Tilson and seconded by Mrs. Moorer.

II. School Report/New Business

- A. Presently the enrollment is 595, a decrease from 597 in October.
B. There was a decrease in enrollment in first and second grades. All other grade levels remained the same.

III. School Report

A. Update of Events

- The Veterans Day Parade was held Friday, November 10, 2023, and afterwards, some of the Veterans read to classes.
- The NEHS delivered boxes of food for the residents of the Dorchester Village Tuesday, November 14, 2023. This was a school-wide community service project.
- The Fall Carnival was held Thursday, November 9, 2023, and was very successful. The staff sponsored the event this year instead of the PTA.
- GT Testing for 3rd-5th grades was administered November 14-16, 2023.

B. Upcoming Events

- The DD4 Soccer Championship Game will be held at WHS Friday, November 17, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. The Hot Shots from WMES will play a team from HES for the Championship.
- Make-up Picture Day is Tuesday, November 28, 2023.
- Interim reports for the 2nd Quarter will go home Wednesday, November 29, 2023.
- The Character Kids Celebration for November (Generosity) will be held November 30th, at 8:00 A.M. Parents and Guardians can either attend in person or by Zoom.
- On October 31st, Trunk or Treat will be held, and there will also be a Costume Contest.
- The Veterans' Day Parade will be held Friday, November 10. Veterans are also signing up to read to our classes.
- Thanksgiving Food Drive for Baskets—Information will be sent home for the items needed for the different grade levels.
- Family Movie Night will be held Thursday, November 30th, from 5-6:30 P.M. outside by the gym. Families will need to bring chairs or blankets to sit on. A concession stand will be open. A Google form will be sent home for families to vote on the movie that will be shown.
- i-Ready Winter Testing in reading and math will be administered December 4-8, 2023. The fall assessment serves as the baseline and was the basis of each student's educational pathway. The data from each testing window is also used in the teachers' SLOs.
- The 5th grade Spelling Bee will be held December 13, 2023. Each 5th grade homeroom will be represented by the top three (3) spellers. 12 of our 5th graders will compete, and the Top 3 will represent WMES at the District's Spelling Bee. Each student will receive

two tickets, since the Bee will be held in the Media Center. A Zoom link will also be sent home, and our 5th graders will be able to view the Bee.

- Winter Field Day will be December 13 (K-2nd grade) and 14 (3rd-5th grade).
- The Special Events Committee is working on the Holiday Program that will be held Friday, December 15, 2023.

C. School Goals

- Ms. Mims shared the three school goals (reading, math, and chronic absenteeism) with the Committee members.

IV. School Report Card Rating

- A. Our 2022-2023 SRC Rating is a 51 (Average). The rating for the 2021-2022 school year was also 51 (Average).

V. Basic Operation of a School Improvement Committee

- A. Handbook for Effectiveness was distributed, and electronic copy will be sent with the reminder for October's meeting.
- B. Assist in developing the Report to Parents
- C. Assist in writing the narrative for the School Report Card
- D. Assist in Developing and Revising the School Renewal Plan
- E. Assist in the revision of the Parent Involvement Policy and School-Home Compact for Title 1.

VI. Miscellaneous

- A. Questions that came up during the meeting that were answered:
1. Why are the teachers graded and held accountable for skills such as buttoning pants and putting on clothing (pertaining to KRA)?
 2. What is the School Climate Rating?
 3. What has been the history of the overall rating on the School Report Card?
 4. How can the Fall Carnival be improved? (Line to get in/purchase tickets too long)—Need multiple entrances and same colored tickets
 5. Are all schools held accountable the same way? (Explanation of Chronic Absenteeism vs. Truancy; Attendance Letters/Contracts)
 6. What is going on with the PTA?

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Tilson and seconded by Mr. Phillips. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.