

WMES School Improvement Council Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2022



I. SIC Business

- A. The October School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting started with the introduction of everyone present. The minutes for the September SIC Meeting were approved. The motion was made by Mrs. Lucas and seconded by Mrs. Pandora.
- B. Approved minutes will be placed on the school's website under the Parents' Corner.
- C. By-Laws were presented and should be reviewed for the November meeting.
 - 1. By-Laws have not been revised since 2013.
- D. Election of the Chair and Co-Chair positions were held.
 - 1. Natalie Pandora was elected the Chair and Kelsey Berhow the Co-Chair for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - 2. Lauren Lucas will serve as the Secretary.

II. Basic Operation of A SIC

- A. The 2022-2023 Parent Involvement Policy and the School-Parent Compact were translated into Spanish.

III. Upcoming School Events

- A. November will be a very busy month.
 - 1. Dental screening forms were sent home at the beginning of the year, and dental screenings for those with signed paperwork will be November 1.
 - 2. Veterans' Day will be observed November 11 by a parade and having the Veterans read to classes.
 - 3. World Kindness Day is November 13, so a Kindness Story Walk will be held November 11.
 - 4. Ms. Smith has put together the activities for the Career Development Week (November 14-18).
 - 5. The Character Kids Celebrations will continue to be virtual, so all parents and other stakeholders can attend. Academic Celebrations will also be virtual, so parents can attend. Participation has been very good, since parents/guardians do not have to take time off from work. Both celebrations are usually under 20 minutes.
 - 6. The school-wide Community Service Project for November is Thanksgiving boxes that will be delivered by the students to the Dorchester Village residents. Grade levels will be assigned food items to bring in.

IV. School Report/New Business

- A. Presently over enrollment is 574. We will most likely hit 600 students.
- B. This is the highest the enrollment has been in seven (7) years.

V. School Report Card Rating

- A. Our 2021-2022 SRC Rating is a 51 (Average). We improved from a 42 (Average).
- B. Areas of concern that needs to be improved is our disabled population scores.
 - 1. Some of our SpEd population takes the SC Ready/SC PASS assessments.
 - 2. Mrs. Lucas's SpEd students (mild-severe) come from throughout the District and take the

- SC Alt assessment also counts on the report card.
3. Currently, our self-contained classes (K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade) have virtual teachers who are contractual. One of the international teachers should be back in the United States sometime mid-November.
- C. At the end of the meeting, Ms. Mims showed how to pull up the school's report card for the State Department's website and went through the data.

VI. School Report/New Business

- A. After school tutoring will start after soccer is over in November.
- B. The GT Referral Window is now open through October 29th.
 1. Applications are available in the front office and on the school's website.
 2. Completed applications should be sent to Mrs. Bowman at the District Office.
 3. Students being served in math and reading RTi are those who scored in the 14th-35th percentile on the STAR assessment.
- C. The District has adopted a new safety protocol entitled *I Love You Guys*, a program that is used nationwide. Information will be sent home with the 2nd Quarter Interim Reports.

VII. PTA Update

- A. The Believe Kids is the first fundraiser and only around \$7,000 of items were sold.
- B. The PTA will provide two (2) jump castles for October's PAWS and Play. Jump for Joy is the vendor they are using.
- C. 50 PTA membership applications have been submitted. Faculty and Staff members have been encouraged to join.
 1. In order for grade level's to be eligible for PTA funding at the end of the year, all teachers in a grade level or department should have joined the PTA for the school year.

VIII. 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.
- F. Election of Officers was also discussed (Need Chair and Co-Chair); Mrs. Lucas will serve as the Secretary (Teacher of the Year).

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. Mr. McAlhane reported that Trunk or Treat will be held at Davis Bailey Park Friday, October 28, 2022, and the Veterans' Day Celebration will be Saturday, November 12, 2022.
- B. Concern is the car rider line that goes around the back of the building. This may be something the SIC can work on possibly moving.