

WMES School Improvement Council Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2023



I. SIC Business

- A. The October School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting started at 4:31 P.M. with the introduction of everyone present. The minutes for the September SIC Meeting were approved with changes. The motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Moorer.

II. School Report/New Business

- A. Presently the enrollment is 597 (same as in September). This is the highest the enrollment has been in eight (8) years.
- B. There was a decrease in second and third grades. Fifth grade enrollment remained the same, but Kindergarten, first, and fourth grades increased.

III. School Report/New Business

- A. Literacy Night recap—179 participants (students and adults), and 12 survey responses were submitted. Books were given away to participants. A suggestion was to increase options of activities.
- B. Building Update—Fencing has been installed to secure the 3rd-5th grade playground.
- C. Upcoming Events
- Academic Celebrations will be held October 26th; a Zoom link will be sent.
 - The Character Kids Celebration for October (Integrity) will be held October 30th. 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.
 - The annual Fall Carnival will be held Thursday, November 9th, from 5-7 P.M. Grade levels will bring items for baskets that will be raffled.
 - Family Movie Night will be held Thursday, November 30th, from 5-6:30 outside by the gym. Families will need to bring chairs or blankets to sit on. A concession stand will be open.
 - The MUSC Mobile Immunization Van will be at WMES on November 14th.
 - World Kindness Day is November 13th, and Diabetes Day (wear blue) will be November 14.
 - Ms. Smith is working on the activities for the Career Development Week (November 13th-17th)
 - GT testing for 3rd-5th grade students who were recommended for testing will be held later in November. The dates have not been determined.
- D. Initiatives
- Robotics—Mrs. Buckley (2nd & 3rd grades) and Mrs. Britt-Jones (4th & 5th grades) will be working with robotics after school.

- The District Soccer Program for 3rd-5th grades has started. Around 90 WMES students are participating in the games on Wednesday evenings at Woodland High School.

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).
- B. Areas of concern that needs to be improved is our disabled population scores.
 - 1. WMES outscored the State and the District in Math and Science. WMES also outscored the District in reading.
 - 2. An area of concern was the School Climate rating (teacher input).
 - 3. Academically, the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment results were an issue. We are not sure why our kindergarteners are scoring below the District level. In 1st & 2nd grade in math and reading, we are showing a large portion of our students are ready for 2nd & 3rd grade. There appears to be no correlation.
- C. Ms. Mims will share the school's goals at the November meeting.

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. The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Jamison and seconded by Mr. Graham. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M.