

WMES School Improvement Council Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2024



I. SIC Business

- A. The April School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting started at 4:36 P.M. The minutes for the March SIC Meeting were approved with changes. The motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Pandora.

II. School Report

- A. Update of Events
- Family Game Night was held Thursday, April 18, 2024, and was a big success.
- B. Upcoming Events
- SC Ready Testing will be May the 14th-22nd.
 - Family STEM Night will be held May 16th.
 - The Top TIGERS Celebration will be held from 11 A.M.-1 P.M. Wednesday, May 1st. There will be a cookout and a gaming truck for the celebration.
 - The Color Run/Field Day will be Friday, May 10th.
 - The End of Year Programs and Academic Awards Programs are in the agenda.
 - The last day for students will be Thursday, June 6, 2024; it will be a half day.
 - Mr. Phillips stated the 2023-2024 Yearbook will go to Balfour this week to be printed.
 - Grade level Spelling Bees will be held May 28, 2024.
 - Mrs. Pandora went through the events that will occur in May and June that were listed in the PowerPoint Presentation.
- C. Building Update and Concerns
- The Elementary and middle/high schools staggered schedules for the 2024-2025 SY have not been finalized and presented to the Board.
 - Afternoon buses are still a concern; there were eight (8) buses that were late today. The last group of students left around 3:40 P.M. on the middle/high school buses.
 - The fire lanes that were documented in the South Carolina School Board Insurance Trust (SCSBIT) inspection February 6, 2024, will be painted this week.

III. School Report/New Business

- A. Presently the enrollment is 585, an increase from 581 in March.
- B. Kindergarten, first grade, and fourth grade enrollment decreased—each grade by two (2) students; Pre-Kindergarten increased by two (2) students.
- C. Second, third, and fifth grades enrollment remained the same.

IV. SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting

- The following documents were reviewed for the revisions that were made, and additional revisions were noted. They will be finalized once the revisions are made.
 - School Parent Compact—The motion to approve with changes was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Tillson.
 - Parent Involvement Policy—The motion to approve with changes was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Tillson.

- Report to Parents—The motion to approve with changes was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Moorer.
- The Title 1 2024-2025 SY plan has not been finalized, since the State has not released the template.
- The revisions to the School Renewal Plan (SRP) has been finalized, and a copy was available for SIC members to view. The District’s plan was shared today during the stakeholder’s meeting, but the schools have not received a copy of it.
 - Ms. Mims shared the Needs Assessment Data and the Narrative that was used for the Needs Assessment section for the SRP.

V. School Report Card Rating

- A. Our 2022-2023 SRC Rating is a 51 (Average). The link can be used to access the School Report Card.

VI. 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

- Mrs. Tillson had a concern about the way the District presented the DD4 School Renewal Plan as there was no explanation as to what strategies will be done or how they would be done. There were not enough details given. Her concern was how do parents know what the District is doing, when they are doing it, and how it will be done.
- Ms. Mims shared that attendance has improved because of the Attendance Challenges and incentives that have been given. She also reminded the members present the difference between Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Pandora and Mrs. Tillson. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.