

# Minutes from SIC Meeting on January 30, 2024

Members in Attendance: Rocki Wells, Margaret Askins, Donna Gaye Tanner, and Mirandi Squires

Principal presented Winter Diagnostic Scores for i-Ready in grades 5-8. (Power Point is attached that was presented to SIC members.) Student growth was discussed comparing Fall to Winter diagnostic i-Ready testing for reading and math in all grades. Principal shared how the number of Tier 3 students was decreasing and presented data for each grade level showing the percentages for the decrease. The structure of utilizing instructional tutors, differentiation, and teacher small group instruction was referenced as being best practices to increase overall mastery of skills and the impact that these best practices have on reducing the number of Tier 3 students. In addition to a review of academic performance, the principal shared upcoming dates for the month of February and the excellent performance by Beta Club members at the SC Beta Convention in Myrtle Beach. Upcoming state test dates for reading and math were shared for grades 5-8 and the science state test for sixth grade. (Dates in PowerPoint) There were also two state field tests in April that the principal explained and how the field test is used to help the state gather feedback on content specific questions for future state tests. SIC members had questions concerning the data that would be received on the field test; it was addressed by the principal that typically the school receives no feedback regarding field tests. It was explained that the state's main purpose for a field test is to gather feedback concerning banks of questions for future testing purposes. Once this information was reviewed, the principal opened up the meeting for creating SIC goals.

At a prior SIC meeting one goal was written to ensure that a parent meeting is done with upcoming fourth grade parents and students to review expectations for Johnsonville Middle School concerning areas such as dress code, rules, extracurricular opportunities, etc. After reviewing this goal, the SIC members discussed concerns for improved communication for after school events. It was shared that with certain extra-curricular activities that involve field trips, conventions, etc. that additional means of parent communication is needed to help remind parents about practices, payments for trips, etc. Members shared that parents have expressed that they would like more reminders through various

means of communication. The principal shared how parent letters were sent home and the Remind App and Facebook messages were being used, but parents expressed that they needed frequent reminders concerning payments and practice schedules. The general consensus was to provide multiple reminders. Mrs. Squires will work with various leaders of extracurricular events to brainstorm ideas on how the school can continue to provide various means of parent communication for extracurricular activities. The general consensus was that the academic communication through grade level newsletters, grade level Facebook groups, and school website was keeping our JMS parents informed. The next meeting will review the wording of this goal.

This was a very productive meeting. Johnsonville Middle School has a dedicated group of SIC committee members who are working together as a team to help our school continue to grow, progress, and meet the needs of teachers, students, and parents.