

WMES School Improvement Council Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2023



The March School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting was called to order at 4:37 P.M. by Mrs. Pandora, SIC Chair. Ms. Lemon moved to approve the minutes from the February's SIC Meeting with corrections. Mrs. Dandridge seconded the motion. Approved minutes will be placed on the school's website under the Parents' Corner.

I. SIC Business

- A. No new SIC Business at this time.
- B. Mrs. Pandora, SIC Chair, sent the Zoom link to the parents who could not attend the face-to-face monthly meetings because of scheduling conflicts.

II. School Report/Building Update

- A. Presently our enrollment is 575 (decrease from February's enrollment of 579). Pre-Kindergarten and 1st grade are the grades that enrollment changed in.
- B. Buses are still an issue in the afternoon, since four (4) buses have to double with the middle and high schools. The last bus leaves around 3:45 P.M.
- C. Mrs. Pandora is conducting a Literacy Coach's End of Year Survey, and it will stay open for two (2) weeks.
- D. The Parent Climate Survey for the school's report card was sent home with students, and the site will close on Friday, April 7, 2023.
 - 1. 3rd-5th grade students will complete the Student Climate Survey Thursday, March 23.
 - 2. Most teachers did the Teacher Climate Survey today, March 16, and others will complete theirs tomorrow, March 17.
- E. Metal detectors have been installed and are in use at the front door (all day) and the 5th grade entrance (only in the morning for car riders).
 - 1. Security guards are child-friendly and helpful around the building.
- F. Musical will be Friday, April 7, at the Lourie Theater.
 - 1. There was a question about how the students would get to the theater?
 - 2. There will be three (3) shows for students and one (1) in the evening for the public.(TENTATIVE PLANS)
- G. Class Picture Day will be in April.

III. PTA Update

- A. 100 boxes of World's Finest Chocolate that did not sell were picked up by the distributor.
- B. Some students returned half boxes of chocolate that will be sold at upcoming school events.
- C. Waiting on prizes to arrive to give to students.
- D. PTA considering purchasing a large tent (possibly 16 X 40) to help with outdoor events.

IV. Upcoming School Events

- A. The schedule for upcoming school events for the remainder of March and part of April was shared.
 - 1. The Parental Involvement Committee has an upcoming meeting, and dates and times will be discussed for Family Movie Night and STEM Night.

V. Upcoming SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting Topics

- A. The Parent Involvement Policy, School-Home Compact, and the Report to Parents were Reviewed and suggestions and revisions were made.
 - 1. The documents will be finalized at the April SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting. **(SEE REVISIONS MADE IN RED DOCUMENTS)**
- B. Members also had a preview of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment that will be sent through REMIND to parents and guardians for feedback that will be used on the School Renewal Plan and the Title 1 Plan.
- C. Grade level and departmental chairs have reviewed the School Renewal Plan with their teams and submitted suggestions.

VI. Basic Operation of a School Improvement Committee

- A. Handbook for Effectiveness was distributed.
- B. Assist in developing the Report to Parents **(DONE)**
- C. Assist in writing the narrative for the School Report Card **(DONE)**
- D. Assist in Developing and Revising the School Renewal Plan **(DONE)**
- E. Assist in the revision of the Parent Involvement Policy and School-Home Compact for Title 1. **(DONE)**
- F. Election of Officers was also discussed (Need Chair and Co-Chair); Mrs. Lucas will serve as the Secretary (Teacher of the Year).

The next SIC Meeting will be Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 4:30 P.M. Mrs. Lucas moved to close the meeting and was seconded by Ms. Lemon. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P.M.