

WMES School Improvement Council Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024



I. SIC Business

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

II. School Report/New Business

- A. Presently the enrollment is 581, a decrease from 582 in February.
B. First and fourth grade enrollment were the only grade levels that had a change in enrollment—1st grade decreased by one and 4th grade increased by one.

III. School Report

- A. Update of Events
- Family Movie Night was held at Woodland High School Wednesday, March 13th, in the gymnasium, since time changed and it could not be held outside at WMES. There were 75-100 in attendance. *Wishes* was the Disney movie that was shown.
 - Parent Climate Survey QR Codes were sent home with students for parents to give feedback for the school report card. As of now, there are more replies than the total that were submitted last year.
 - The link for the Comprehensive Needs Assessment was also sent home.
 - The National Elementary Honor Society Induction was held Wednesday, March 20, 2024 (Last night). The group of 4th and 5th graders was the largest group to be inducted.
 - i-Ready Spring Diagnostic Reading and Math Testing has concluded.
- B. Upcoming Events
- The WMES Pageants will be held April 5th at 6:00 P.M. Information has been sent home.
 - April will be the month for field trips (listed in the PowerPoint).
 - SC Ready Testing will be in May.
 - Family STEM Night will be held May 16th. The students who were supposed to participate in the SC 4-H Challenge will compete that night, since registration was full for the 4-H Challenge that will be held in April in Columbia. Only one group would have been able to participate.
 - Ms. Mims went through the events that will occur before the next SIC Meeting in April that were listed in the PowerPoint Presentation.
- C. SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting
- The following documents were reviewed for the revisions that were made, and additional revisions were noted.
 - School Parent Compact
 - Parent Involvement Policy
 - Report to Parents

The Title 1 Plan and the School Renewal Plan (SRP) will be reviewed during the April meeting.

- There will be a few changes in the 2024-2025 Title 1 Plan, since the current plan had to be revised recently. Additional money had been allocated, and the revisions were just approved.
- The School Renewal Plan is being revised, but the District has not shared their revisions with the schools. The SRP will be shared at the April SIC/Title 1 Meeting in April.

D. Building Update and Concerns

- Elementary and middle/high schools will have staggered schedules for the 2024-2025 SY.
- Afternoon buses are still a concern, since we have five (5) groups of students who have to wait for the MS/HS buses. The last group of students leave between 3:40-3:50 P.M.
- There was a South Carolina School Board Insurance Trust (SCSBIT) inspection February 6, 2024. In the report, there were pictures of unattended vehicles parked in the fire lane' however, there is no painted fire lane. Ricky Jenkins, fire marshal, used cones to designate the fire lane until one can be painted.
- Other infractions noted were:
 - Handwritten not printed labels on bottles in the custodial closet
 - Daisy chain in a classroom
 - Rug with rolled edge in a classroom
 - Door to the boiler room not secured
 - Door to the outside freezer propped open
 - Fire door on the Pre-K/K hallway propped open (magnetic eyes not working)
 - 5th grade exterior door did not close properly (had to be pulled shut)

IV. School Report Card Rating

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

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

- Mrs. Tillson had a question about the level of consequences on the District's Comprehensive Discipline Plan.
- The Vision to Learn and Healthy Promotion (Dental) Programs will be held in April.
 - Forms were sent home with students who qualified for the FREE Vision to Learn eye exams. If a parent sends the form back signed, then the student will not be seen. Students will receive FREE glasses that have a one year warranty.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Tillson and Mrs. Jamison. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.