

**WMES School Improvement Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**



**I. SIC Business**

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

**II. School Report/New Business**

- A. Presently the enrollment is 581, a decrease from 595 in November. PowerSchool has been cleaned up and students who did not start school at WMES or who have left without withdrawing were removed, if Guidance knew where they were enrolled.
- B. Third and fifth grade enrollment remained the same.

**III. School Report**

A. Update of Events

- The MUSC Toy Drive was held, and Mrs. McMillan delivered them to Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital.
- Winter Field Day (Winter Olympics) was held for the first time, and the students (and teachers) really enjoyed the activities.
- Winter i-Ready Testing is finished. Parents/guardians will receive a copy of the reading and math i-Ready scores. Parents will have to sign and return the copies that will be stored in either the teacher's data binder or in the student's LAP folder
- The Holiday Program was held. The Grinch tried to run the program, but our security guard was able to get the Grinch out of the gym to save the program.

B. Upcoming Events

- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held this week (January 16-19) and next week (January 23-26).
- Dorchester District 4's Spelling Bee will be held January 23, 2024, at Woodland High. It will be in the Media Center at 6:00 P.M. Jenasys Morris, Avery Brown, and Noah James graders will represent WMES at the District's Spelling Bee.
- Kids Heart Challenge will be held during the month of February.
- Gifts from the Heart will be the focus of the next school-wide Community Service Project. The items brought in will be shared with Dorchester Village and the St. George Nursing Home residents.
- Mrs. Pandora went through the events that will occur before the next SIC Meeting in February.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Parenting Workshops dates had to be switched.
  - Benchmark Testing will be January 23-25—Reading (January 23), Math (January 24), and Science—4<sup>th</sup> Grade Only (January 25).

C. Next SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting

- The following were distributed for members to review and revise for the February meeting.
  - School Parent Compact
  - Parent Involvement Policy

- Report to Parents

#### **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).
  - 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 (Copy will be e-mailed for review)**
- 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 (Copies distributed for review)**

#### **VI. Miscellaneous**

- A. Zoom accounts are no longer unlimited. As long as a meeting is less than 40 minutes, Zoom can be used. If longer, Google Meets will be used.
- B. WMES has a new SRO, Officer Justin Whetstone. Officer Williams was promoted.
- C. Attendance is an area of focus. Ms. Mims explained the different incentives that are being used—We're All Here Weekly Class Attendance Lottery (classes entered each day if everyone is present, doesn't leave early, or is not tardy), Attendance Counts Board (starting last week of January), March Attendance Madness (month of March).
- D. "Shout Outs" have started and are done during the Morning Show.
- E. Mr. Phillips is creating a Week at a Glance that goes on the website each Sunday.
- F. Ms. Mims did a riddle of the day October-December and will bring them back for a week out of each month.
- G. The possibility of a Spring Fling and a Color Run was discussed.
- H. Mrs. Tillson asked if there was an update on the PTA? If the dances (Valentine's and Glow) would be held this year?

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Tillson and seconded by Mr. Phillips. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 P.M.