

**NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL  
SIC – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2017**

The Northwestern High School Improvement Council met on Monday, October 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The meeting was called to order with the following members in attendance: James Blake, Karen Brackett Browning, Kathryn Castillo, Kelly Chavis, David Corbin, Eileen Curry, Bridget Elmore, Brook Faris, Trey Parrish, Dawn Pursley, Chrissie Robbins and Debbie Simpson.

The September 12, 2017 meeting minutes were distributed in writing to members. The body approved the minutes as recorded.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following members were elected as officers of the Northwestern High School Improvement Council for the 2017-18 school year.

- Katheryn Castillo – Chair
- Chrissie Robbins – Vice Chair
- Karen Brackett Browning – Secretary

SIC MEETING DATES

- NHS SIC to present at School Board meeting at November 27, 2017 at Rawlinson Road Middle School
- District SIC meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Blake stated that his report would be included in topics of discussion further in the agenda.

SCHOOL RENEWAL PLAN AND DATA REVIEW

Ms. Heather Andrus reviewed the 2017-18 School Renewal Plan (formerly known as the School Improvement Plan)

- 5 Year Goal – The percentage of students passing the English EOC will increase from 71.48% in 2016-2017 to 82% in 2021-2022. The percentage of students passing the Algebra EOC will increase from 66.76% in 2016-2017 to 90% 2021-2022.
- 1 Year Objective – The percentage of students passing the English EOC will increase from 71.48% in 2016-2017 to 73.5% in 2017-2018. The percentage of students passing the Algebra EOC will increase from 66.76% in 2016-2017 to 71.5% 2017-2018.
- 5 Year Goal – The percentage of students that believe students behave in the hallways, in the lunchroom, and on school grounds, as reported in the school report card survey, will increase from 56.7% in 2016-2017 to 80% in 2021-2022.
- 1 Year Objective – The percentage of students that believe students behave in the hallways, in the lunchroom, and on school grounds, as reported in the school report card survey, will increase from 56.7% in 2016-2017 to 62% in 2017-2018.
- 5 Year Goal – To increase the number of teachers implementing Literacy Design Collaborative/Math Design Collaborative Framework and practices from 7 in 2016-2017 to 90 in 2021-2022.
- 1 Year Objective – To increase the number of teachers implementing Literacy Design Collaborative/Math Design Collaborative Framework and practices from 7 in 2016-2017 to 43 in 2017-2018.
- Data Review – The State decided to develop a new cut score and different questions. Therefore, a comparison of data with the 2015-2016 data is not possible. The tests were different. NHS had to

compare itself with other schools. Approximately 400 NHS students take the test and honor students are not included in most test scores. The calculations include those on occupational skills track and students who cannot be located with a score of zero.

Subject	Northwestern HS Pass Rate	Rock Hill HS Pass Rate	South Pointe HS Pass Rate
Algebra	66.7 (All Algebra teachers have 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block Planning) Math Design - LDC	67.8	70.77
English	71.23 (Need to increase scores)	61.82	68.82
Biology (Honor Students Scores Included)	78.16	71.83	73.37
U. S. History	77.54	70.40	66.89

- Graduation Rate: 8 dropped out because of credits; 41 dropouts because of expulsion/did not return, 5 transferred to Dept. of Juvenile Justice; 8 occupational skills track; 445 on-time graduates
- The ACT Composite Scores for 2015-2016 were presented. Results reveal that scores decreased. The reasons may be attributable to a computerized test. NHS will return to the paper/pen tests.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Graduation Ceremony (June 2<sup>nd</sup>) - Decorum; Considering citations for disruptive behavior
- Valedictorian/Salutatorian Policy – HS attended by student at graduation to determine Val/Sal
- City Wi-Fi – Effort to make Wi-Fi available for all students while at home
- Other goals for SIC – members will review last year’s goals to determine new objectives

UPCOMING DATES

- October 11, 2017 – PSAT/College Visit/Job Shadow Day
- October 18, 2017 – End of Quarter 1 (Report Cards 10/27/17)
- October 24, 2017 – District SIC Meeting
- October 25, 2017 – Dr. K. Pew Classroom Visits at NHS
- November 10, 2017 – Veterans Day Recognition
- November 13, 2017 – NHS SIC Meeting (Media Center)
- November 22-24, 2017 – Thanksgiving Holiday

CLOSING COMMENTS

Respectfully submitted,  
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 Karen Brackett Browning, Secretary