

**NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL
SIC – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2017**

The Northwestern High School Improvement Council met on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Tanya Tucker. Ten members were in attendance.

The February 13, 2017 meeting minutes were read by Staff Liaison Dawn Pursley. They were approved as recorded.

UPDATES

Mrs. Pursley shared that School Admin has tweaked communication about the PEAK time to help students and teachers better maintain the schedule and manage student participation.

South Carolina SIC meeting is Saturday, March 18th. No one from NHS SIC is able to attend.

SIC Chair Ruth Walkup is compiling a letter to the School Board as follow up from February 13th meeting. The Council decided to draft a letter to the Rock Hill School District to inquire about the number of devices that are connected to the system and encourage limited access and protocols with a single log-in.

NHS WRITING CENTER

Mr. Brian O'Shea presented information on the NHS Writing Center.

- Feedback was solicited from the English Department during the development of the project, which was modeled after Fairfax County, Virginia.
- The Center opened last month with hours of operation before and after school and during PEAK time. It allows for 35-40 extra instruction hours. The Center has been promoted during announcements and other sessions and encourages drop-ins.
- The tutors are students, mostly seniors this year. The project's leader is currently seeking students to apply as peer tutors for next year. Peer Tutors could possibly receive a future credit for a Critical Writing class project. The goal is for the Center to grow service usage and become self-sustaining.
- Tutoring focuses on (1) writing skills set, (2) integrating data and (3) principles of grammar.
- The Center is in need of a permanent space. Funds have been sought for furniture and materials.
- The project's leader is receiving feedback from the students, which have been positive, thus far. SIC can assist by providing communication to parents about the Center.

UPCOMING DATES:

- March 17, 2017 - National History Day
- March 21, 2017 – Third Quarter Ends
- March 23, 2017 – Work Keys
- April 3, 2017 – SIC Meeting

CLOSING COMMENTS

Respectfully submitted,

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