

**NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL  
SIC – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 16, 2018**

The Northwestern High School Improvement Council met on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathryn Castillo. There were 11 people in attendance.

The March 19, 2018 meeting minutes were distributed in writing to members and referenced by Chair Castillo. A motion was made to accept the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded and approved by the body.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Mr. James Blake)

- Report of meeting with the South Carolina Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. Congressional leaders are requesting round-table forums on gun-control in the schools, more specifically school safety. The representative for South Carolina Congress District 5, Mr. Ralph Norman, is aware of Northwestern High School.
- Prom was a success. Students were on their best behavior following an intense presentation regarding the prom promise. In the future, there will be a review of the presentation/agenda prior to assembly to ensure sensitivity towards the students who lost family members during the prom.
- Ms. Susan Snyder is a finalist as State Teacher of the Year. The winner will be announced on May 2, 2018.
- R2L (Ready to Learn) WIN Career Readiness testing will occur on April 18<sup>th</sup> for all third year high school students. It is the new Work Keys Test.
- Faculty are preparing to complete year-end surveys regarding various aspects of curriculums, school operations, etc.

REPORT FROM SCHOOL CHOICE MEETING

Referenced from the information summary sheet regarding recommendation/additional considerations

- Publicize Schools of Choice better
- Should there be a cap on Schools of Choice enrollment?
- Require entrance exams for high school choice interest (if not from feeder middle school)
- What are other high school choice options to allow equity?
- Consider placement of Immersion High School option at all 3 high schools coupled with high school curriculum.
- Define and effectively communicate District’s Choice Plan and strategy with clear pathways that help existing and new residents better under Choice options.
- Make sure High School Leadership (Principals, Staff and Administrators) are bought into and fully support integration of a specific Choice Program at their school.
- Ensure (by measuring and evaluating) that Choice Programs at the elementary and middle school level truly need to roll into Choice at high school. Consider whether the existing programs/tracks support the elementary and middle school program, i.e. IB, Dual Credit, ATC classes.
- Create a K-12 Language Immersion continuum.
- Identify Choice worthy programs then localizing.
- District needs to support Choice programs through infrastructure.
- School of Choice is a great program.

NW SIC discussed the recommendations and other considerations. It appears that attendance is a driving force for Choice. The next meeting for School Choice Discussions is May 1<sup>st</sup>. NW SIC compiled a list of additional concerns and recommendations to carry to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

UPCOMING DATES

- April 18 – R2L WIN Career Readiness Testing
- April 23 – Advance Studies Student Recognition
- April 27 – Senior Meeting (graduation information)
- May 5, 2018 – SAT
- May 10-11 – Chorus Concert
- May 23-24 – Senior Exams
- May 24 - Baccalaureate Service for Seniors
- May 25 – Olympian Awards Program
- May 28 – No School – Memorial Day
- May 29 – Friends of Northwestern Awards Program
- May 30-31 - Underclass exams
- June 1 – Graduation Practice 9:00 F-Gym
- June 2 – Graduation 10:00 A.M. Winthrop Coliseum

MAY TESTING

- May 2 – IB Math and EOC Writing
- May 3 – IB Math, IB Music and IB ITGS
- May 4 – IB ITGS
- May 7 – IB English and AP Chemistry
- May 8 – IB English, IB History and AP Art History
- May 9 – IB History and AP Literature
- May 10 – AP Government and Politics
- May 11 – AP US History and AP Studio Art
- May 14 – IB Biology, AP Biology and EOC for Occupational Diploma Students
- May 15 – IB Biology, IB Spanish, AP Calculus and EOC Biology
- May 16 – IB Spanish, IB Chemistry, AP Language, AP Macroeconomics and EOC Algebra I
- May 17 – IB Chemistry, IB French, AP Statistics and EOC Reading
- May 18 – IB French, AP Human Geography, AP European History, and EOC Reading
- May 21 – EOC Algebra I for Occupational Diploma Students
- May 22 – EOC History
- May 23 – AP Statistics late Test for those with IB conflict and EOC History

CLOSING COMMENTS

The next meeting of the NW SIC is May 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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