

- **NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL**
- **SIC – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 19, 2018**

- The Northwestern High School Improvement Council met on Monday, February 19, 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 23 people in attendance.
- The February 12, 2018 meeting minutes were distributed in writing to members and referenced by Chair Castillo. Ms. Miller informed the group that the District 3 School Board has not approved a drug policy as stated in the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes with this correction. The motion was seconded and approved by the body.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Susan Snyder named as one of the top 5 finalist for SC Teacher of the Year. In the past 10 years, NHS has had 5 District Teachers of the Year, 4 State finalist and 2 State winners.
- AFJROTC passed their major inspection with flying colors.
- JaBree McMullen named to the All Region Basketball Team and the North/South All-Star Basketball Team
- Successful 3-point and Knock-out Tournament: Jalin Howell-Foster won a YETI cooler valued at \$300
- Student Lead Parkland Memorial (Walk Out) on March 14th. Students lined the halls, wore pins while reps from the student body and staff provided information about each of the persons killed in the shooting.
- Voter's Registration held during lunch on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Most expressed interest in civic engagement.

SCHOOL CHOICE DISCUSSION - Facilitated by Ms. Helena Miller

- Ms. Miller informed the group that the District 3 School Board has not approved a drug policy. The Board will receive an update in April with a possible vote on the policy at the end of April. They convene for discussions at the work sessions and business meetings. The Board votes twice on issues: a first read and again the following month.
- The Board is in receipt of a letter regarding school choice. South Pointe High SIC submitted a letter that was discussed at the January 12<sup>th</sup> work session. NH SIC was encouraged to view the meeting at the District's website where the information inquired by NH SIC about school choice was addressed in that meeting.
- Questions regarding STEM Schools and Equity. The Equity Committee will be reactivated with the first meeting occurring on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee will discuss what choice looks like on a high school level. Before any school can be determined a choice school, such a designation must be defined through the proper channels and due process. The Board has a policy to seek input from stakeholder groups relevant to such decisions. The Equity Committee must conduct its due diligence.
- Every school in the district has choice without such a designation as a school of choice.
- South Pointe has an accelerated program that is part of the Governor's School. This was not a determination by the school district.
- South Pointe is a school of choice if the student attends Saluda Trail.
- Northwestern has the "Project Lead the Way" Program that focuses on biomedical, engineering and computer science.
- Northwestern SIC will continue to focus on branding and ensure representation on the school district's Equity Committee.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

UPCOMING DATES

- March 21, 2018 – SAT for Juniors
- March 23, 2018 – Report Cards
- March 27, 2018 – Late Prom Registration
- March 28, 2018 – Late Prom Registration
- March 29, 2018 – AP Art Show
- March 30, 2018 – Bad Weather Make-up Day
- April 2-6, 2018 – Spring Break
- April 10, 2018 – Prom Promise Assembly
- April 14, 2018 – Prom

CLOSING COMMENTS

Respectfully submitted,

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