

May 10, 2021

SIC – Minutes

Be thinking of officers for next year – if you are interested. There will be one more meeting in June.

First off, the NHS parents have been advocates for our teachers. Thank you.

District SIC meeting

Parent-opinion survey data – we would like as many parents as possible to take the survey. We plan to create a team within our SIC to view if there are trends that we can use as a focus for our SIC. Survey data would help with what teachers/students/parents say about certain issues such as School Choice. There will be a link in the email that goes out to parents on Sunday. It will also be pushed out in a text link. So far the numbers of completed surveys are: 250 of our students, 230 parents and 110 teachers. Suggestion was made to link it to school website and “social media blast.”

Parent sign-up for Canvas – next year have them sign up right away. As parents are re-enrolling, we can set them up quickly. We plan to have Canvas sign up as a physical station during registration. A 4-minute tutorial is available on YouTube that can be rolling on video as parents sign up. Teachers will be available for support. Coaches can also reach out to parents. In general, Canvas moves with student from MS to HS.

Inclement Weather protocol

Inclement weather protocol – 2 weeks ago, a call was received for the school to shelter-in-place. It was during lunch and it helped that we have smaller numbers of students for lunches. We found out later that some schools went into Tornado Warning status. Shelter-in-place means business is conducted as usual but no movement among buildings. Fortunately, it was concluded before lunch ended. In the future, the district will issue by radio call a tornado warning status. It has been addressed that the communication system will improve and communication should come solely from the district.

Another issue we had was the fire alarms going off during the school day. This caused some issues with the intercom system. We are in the process of testing the call buttons in each classroom but it will be done after hours because it causes a malfunction that would interrupt class time.

Two weeks ago, the cancelation of after-school events was put out during announcements. If Mr. Massey is not available, all AP’s are trained to communicate in the event of an emergency. In the event of inclement weather, Mr. Lancaster is the next person who receives and gives communication.

Prom and Graduation

All 3 high schools have the same dates/times for Prom. Tickets can be purchased on athletics page. Some students are concerned about 3rd and 4th exams being the day before Prom. They would like it to be switched to 1st and 2nd blocks so they have a half day. This request has been issued to the district but no guarantee.

Graduation will be on Thursday, 6/24 at 10:00 at the Rock Hill Sports Center. Graduation items were available in the lobby today for pickup. **Graduation practice is scheduled for 6/22 at 1:00pm.** We are trying to see how many tickets beside the 2 per student may be available. We have an account of

students/families requesting additional tickets – we are hoping for at least 1 additional ticket per student. This is something the district sets up. NHS has the largest graduating class this year.

Senior Day – activity day for Seniors

Outdoor activities, volleyball, corn hole, t-shirts, prepackaged foods, etc. will be on **6/4/21 starting at 10:00am on the band field.**

Learning Loss Plan

We have been given additional funds to help students continue to grow academically. State department has given funds.

Goals:

1. Student achievement – improve credit recovery and on-time graduation rate. We have been and are currently holding after-school tutoring sessions. On average there are about 30-35 students in the media center. Content recovery allows students to improve scores from Q3 and therefore overall grade at the end of year. There is no cost for summer school this year and the numbers are high. Some students have not returned to a rhythm of doing work on time. Bus transportation is also written into the plan.
2. Increase SAT/ACT scores – support students who are willing to take a summer course. Students will be able to work toward an elective credit for a summer course called “College and Career Readiness.” Teachers will meet with student and constitute enough class time during the summer for them to obtain elective credit. The district is working to provide this course.
3. Career ready certification process and social/emotional support through mentoring. We plan to purchase 2 curriculums. “Crave” is one of the curriculums available by a local author Latoya Morris who is the former director of Emmitt Scott Center. This summer program will help with some of the emotional difficulties that students have dealt with during the pandemic. We hope to equip students to be better prepared and career-ready in the obtainment of job-ready certification. The two paths students fall under (and they can be under both) are college ready and career ready. College ready is indicated by a certain number of AP courses or a 4 on an IB exam. Career-ready includes a certification process and a series of courses taken in a specific area such as biomedical studies, foods, etc.

Final Comments

We need more participants involved in our SIC group. We could start a Face Book page or Twitter account so that we can push SIC information out. As we get back to meeting in person with larger gatherings, we will be able to reach out to 9th grade parents, and other parents re-enrolling that we were not able to reach out to this year.