

**Northwestern High School  
SIC School Improvement Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 9, 2018**

The NHS SIC met on Monday, January 9, at 6:00 PM in F-101. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathryn Castillo. The following members were present: Bridget Elmore, James, Blake, Kathryn Castillo, Denise Ciobanu, Chrissie Robbins, Dawn Pursley and David Corbin.

The minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting were distributed and approved.

Principal's report (James Blake)

1. Construction Report
  - a. Window installation expected to begin in A building
  - b. Digital display board may have to downsize or come down completely due to inability to attach it to new stucco on side of building
  - c. Best baseball building on schedule to be released beginning of February
  - d. Main stairway in A building completed
  - e. New Fire panel installed
  - f. 100 new cameras being installed, replacing old analog and adding new ones
  - g. B building HVAC on schedule, currently on roof fixing it to handle the new system
  - h. Intercom system still being worked on
2. Alcohol and Drug testing policy from the board shared. Look over policy.
3. Calendar for 2018-2019 under review
  - a. Discussion about drafting a letter to request school start earlier in the summer so we can complete first semester with 90 days before the Winter holiday.
  - b. Several longer weekends appreciated by both teachers and parents
4. With the focus on STEAM at South Pointe High School and the talk in town about Rock Hill High School becoming the Language Immersion High School, what is Northwestern's draw? What is our identity?
  - a. School of the Arts?
  - b. Academic Magnet?
  - c. Mr. Blake will speak with Dr. Cook and ask him to share the district's vision for NHS
  - d. Parents stated that they want us to be the best we can regardless of what they call us
5. Mr. Blake has mentioned our goal of showcasing student work in town to the Art department and they are more than willing to get student work together to go anywhere we can get it. Students cannot really sell it to a business, they can however be commissioned with donation to the school Art department. Ms. Castillo will work on a letter to local businesses.
6. Mr. Blake will e-mail guidelines for food sales on campus.

7. Question about taking an English and Math every year. In past it has been strongly recommended and for next year it will be required. All students will be required to be in an English and a math every year of high school.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM in F-101