

**Sullivan Middle School**  
**1825 Eden Terrace, Rock Hill**  
**South Carolina 29730**

**School Improvement Council Meeting Notes**

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

School Conference Room

**Members Present:**

Sullivan Middle School, School Improvement Council met this date at 6:00 p.m. with members present as follows: Kelly Scott, SIC President; Shane Goodwin, School Principal; Jennise Knight, Assistant Principal; Graham Thomas, Assistant Principal; Dave Vawter, Winthrop Professor; Holly Stuart, teacher; Adam Salisbury, teacher; Courtney Bala, PTO President; Cicely Brown, parent; Terese Green-Thomas, parent; and Mona Letigio, parent/secretary. Ms. Kelly Scott called the meeting to order to discuss the following agenda:

1. Report from Mr. Goodwin
2. SIC promotion for upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents (March 1)
3. SIC hosting luncheon for Realtor/RE Agents in area to inform them of Sullivan IB and new immersion school opening next door. Inform them of all that SMS-MYP IB has to offer.
4. Hear about Service Learning Projects and how we can support as SIC for all grades.
5. State SIC meeting, April 14 in Columbia

**Report from Mr. Goodwin**

Mr. Goodwin thanked everyone for being in attendance of tonight's meeting. Mr. Goodwin shared to the group about his latest training in sign language. He was inspired to do the training to reach out to one of our students who happened to be deaf.

Due to good weather, outside activities were resumed as well as students can now access the canteen for lunch. Construction is moving along as scheduled and said to be on time as planned. The Library is still not available due to construction.

Furthermore, Mr. Goodwin congratulated and celebrated the hard work that our faculty and staff have done with our students in meeting the Percent Winter Growth Goals in Math and Reading during the Winter MAPs testing. So far this year, there have been a 44% reduction of students receiving five or more referrals. Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) Program continues its full swing and students can start cashing in their tickets for rewards like Hats/Jean/Dress Down Day this coming Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was said that stamping of S.O.A.R. cards was quite inconvenient for some students because they do not have their cards with them all the time when they showed some elements of S.O.A.R. For faculty and staff, having to carry stamp and pen at all times are not quite convenient. PBIS team continues its effort to find ways to aid the challenges of this program. This coming Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a district representative will visit the school to observe and maybe evaluate the functionality of our school PBIS program.

This coming March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grader parents will be visiting our school for the "Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Night." To promote our School Improvement Council (SIC) and invite more parents to join in our team during this event, SIC brochures will be handed out to parents as well as a short promotional message from Mrs. Scott will be delivered.

To promote good and build relationship between our school and our community, SIC will be hosting a luncheon for Realtor/RE Agents in area to inform what Sullivan IB and the new immersion school opening next door has to offer. This will be an informational and promotional get together to let our realtor and real estate agents be informed of the high-quality education and excellent community services that our school has to offer. These kinds of information would help our Realtor/RE agents gain insights and understand about our school, and at the same time they will help us spread good reputations about our school. One potential person that could be in contact with is Cydni Crain, owner of Crain & Co., LLC, who lives in Riverwalk neighborhood. She can help us promote our school since Riverwalk neighborhood is still part of the Rock Hill School District System and also to inform families within the area about our school as one of the School of Choice.

Students in all three levels are working progressively towards their Service Learning Projects, Soaring 2 Service. Aside from the different books that each level is reading which serve as guide to their respective community services, they put everything into actions. The following are the Soaring 2 Service Projects of each level:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - S2S service class is listening to their speaker about homelessness so they can understand who they are helping with their Bags of Hope. They will be delivering packages to homeless people in our community.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – They are raising money to buy prosthetic legs for kids who need them by selling socks.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – These are just few of the many projects that 8<sup>th</sup> graders did. One group was collecting donations and had a fundraising for the Humane Society of York County. They were able to purchased a van load of food and supplies. Another group was knitting hats and headbands for Piedmont Medical Center Patients - Children's Wing. More groups are coming together to materialize their projects.

Mrs. Scott informed everyone that every year there is a State SIC meeting. This year, it will be this April 14<sup>th</sup> in Columbia. If anyone is interested in going, this would be a good time to know what other SIC in the state are doing at their schools.

### **Upcoming Event**

The three languages team is planning to have an “International Night” to showcase different projects of the students in all levels. They set the date for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Details will be communicated as soon as it is finalized.

### **Reminder**

Parents are coming to the office after the 3:15pm deadline for checkout, which is not encouraged, and disruptive to afternoon announcements and procedures. It is understandable in an emergency, but otherwise, school handbook asks that parents coming to sign out their students do this prior to 3:15pm. A reminder will be added to our school newsletter as well as in all school communication system about this matter.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.