

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

**School Improvement Council Meeting Notes**

Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m.  
School Conference Room

**Members Present:**

Sullivan Middle School, School Improvement Council met this date at 5:30 p.m. with members present as follows: Kelly Scott, SIC President; Shane Goodwin, School Principal; Jennise Knight, Assistant Principal; Gwendolyn Lindsey, Assistant Principal; Holly Stuart, teacher; Courtney Bala, PTO President; Cicely Brown, parent; and Mona Letigio, parent/secretary. Ms. Kelly Scott called the meeting to order to discuss the following agenda:

1. Report from Mr. Goodwin, any other administrators
2. Update on inviting local realtors (maybe Community Tour date 4/19)
3. Data Room
4. SIC Report to the Parents (due end of next month)
5. SC SIC Annual Meeting, April 14 in Columbia
6. Questions
7. Set next meeting

**Report from Mr. Goodwin, any other administrators**

Mr. Goodwin reported that things are going well. The school is anticipating new opening positions for the next school year. These openings would be classroom positions especially Spanish and French for 6<sup>th</sup> grade immersion program. With all of the different programs that are coming to the school, students will be put on various programs and teams like everyone else. There will be team concepts and teachers who will take care of the kids' all content area needs as well as counselors rotate accordingly. The incoming immersion program will have the same opportunities like being in the band, chorus, and strings.

Construction projects are coming along fine. The school is hoping that the Media Center will be available by the end of the school year and the entire gym will be worked on over the summer.

Due to the conflict of schedule with the Tennis Center event, there will only be one at home track event this year as supposed to be two. Sullivan will host the Cross City Meet this April 24<sup>th</sup> (date needs to be verified) that will be participated by the five middle schools in the district.

Students in all three levels are working on various Soaring to Service projects that gained popularity locally and statewide. It was evident and reflected that the objectives of the projects impacted the students thinking and actions to give service to others as what IB students should be. These projects already reached global impact as one of the recipient of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Socks for Legs Project was from Ghana who received the first prosthetic leg. To continue the service effort of the students, Mr. Goodwin will coordinate with Ms. Crenshaw to have some representatives from the

7<sup>th</sup> grade “Socks for Legs” project to open the next District Board Meeting by presenting information of the project and how to participate through purchasing socks. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are working with the Safe Haven Men’s Shelter as they continue to learn about homelessness while 8<sup>th</sup> graders are working on community projects.

One of the teachers is on maternity leave and the school is trying its best to find good people to be there in support of her absence.

MAPs testing will be coming up and will be looking at student’s growth and progress over a year’s time to see if students are meeting the mark as well as knowing what they know to continue to teach the things that they struggle by the end of the year. State Testing is also coming up that will begin in May. Specific dates will be discussed on the next meeting and will also be publicized in school websites and other ways of communication.

Last Monday, all three grade levels were gathered separately to discuss about social media threats, school gun violence, how to react in situations like these to avoid getting involved, and to understand that issues like these are “no joke.” Students also exercised their stand on the National Walk-out Day last Wednesday by giving them the option to participate by going to the auditorium. Quiet music played and “National Walk-out Day” official hashtag was displayed on the big screen. This event was from 10:00am to 10:17 a.m. (17 minutes) to honor the 17 people who were killed in the school shooting in Florida. Faculty and staff were all present to supervise. Students were not punished nor marked tardy if they participated. There might be another event like this sometime in April to remember the Columbine High School shooting anniversary.

### **Community Tour**

The Community Tour is coming up on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Invited visitors from all over the district including realtors will walk around and see the inside of the school as well as observe how IB school works and spread the good things that is going on in the school. Typically, there will be a program and a short informational presentation about 15 minutes led by the school ambassadors which are students. The school ambassadors will then tour the visitors around the school. Refreshments will be served during this event and informational presentation will be optional before or after the tour.

### **Data Room**

Our next meeting could be in the Data Room (B-206) for the members to look at data of various categories: student climate data; PBIS data/results; Math, Reading, and Behavior data. This month, there is a spike in behavioral referrals as foreseen across the district as students are ready for spring break.

### **SIC Report to the Parents**

The SIC Report to the Parents is due by the end of April. Report will be drafted and presented later. This report is simply describing the school within our community, what SIC working on, successes, reflection of goals, and plan of action during the year.

### **SC SIC Annual Meeting, April 14 in Columbia**

Anybody who is interested is welcome to go. There will be a lot of ideas and insights to bring back to the table and maybe look forward to be part of the “Dick and Tunky Riley Award” next school year.

### **Others**

SC State Standards for Health and P.E. are coming and certain amount of time is probably going to change, two-thirds Health and one-third P.E. District will provide guidance on how to do it. There is also a technology proviso that students will be required to complete about proficiency test on computers that require class time. Computer coding, basic programming, and other computer skills that students need to be technologically ready and competitive.

Tomorrow night, March 21, parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders who are Non-English speakers will graduate in the “Focus Program” that they participated for full nine weeks. All of the content was delivered in Spanish. Twenty-five were invited and twenty-four came. These parents have been participating in a high quality program that helps them to understand high school requirements, how to get kids to college, what is a GPA, how to get school grants, etc.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at **5:30 to 6:15**.