



SIC Annual Meeting

October 20, 2020

Sustaining Parent Involvement

SIC Basics

One Team

One Mission

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Preconditions For Parent Involvement

- Is your school welcoming?
- What does your school climate survey indicate?
- Do you share school climate data with staff and parents?
- How is your school to home communication? What does it look like? Do you translate to other languages if needed?
- Is the school a resource for parents?
- Are your parents considered to be partners?
- Do your teachers' attitudes and beliefs support parent involvement?

SIC Basics

In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. By law, every K-12 public school in South Carolina must have an SIC that is made up of parent, teacher, student (grades 9-12), and community member representatives.

The principal is an ex-officio member of every SIC. A SIC may create additional ex-officio positions such as the school's Teacher of the Year, PTA or PTO President, past SIC Chair, or a representative of the school's Title I Advisory Committee.

Law Governing SIC

There are two sets of rules that apply to SICs. The first is existing state laws and current regulations.

Current state law requirements regarding SIC membership, elections, and duties are set in Title 59 (Education) of the SC Code of Laws.

Because SICs are technically considered "public bodies," SICs must also follow the rules regarding open meetings and public records contained in the state's Freedom of Information Act. (Keep minutes, post agenda, post meeting times and dates)

The second set of rules is contained in an SIC's bylaws. Bylaws are a set of written rules that members of an organization agree to follow in running their organization. Every SIC should have a current set of bylaws that has been approved by the membership and that is consistent with state law.

What do SIC's Do?

Work with principal to determine needs of the school and determine school improvement goals.

SICs will need to set aside a certain amount of time each year to fulfill their statutory duty to report on their school's progress toward improvement to the greater school community.

SICs do this in two ways: (1) by writing the yearly SIC Report to the Parents; and (2) by assisting the principal in writing the narrative to the SC School Report Card.

Step 1 Learn About Your School's Needs

Step 2 Choose an area of focus

Step 3 Set an SIC Goal

Step 4 Decide on an SIC Activity

Step 5 Make a plan to implement and evaluate

Step 6 Report to parents

What is the make-up of an SIC?

The number of each type of SIC member should be listed in the SIC's bylaws. State law requires that a SIC must have at least the following number of members:

Primary, Elementary, and Middle School SICs:

- at least two elected parents;
- at least two elected teachers;
- half as many appointed community members as the total number of elected members;
- at least one ex-officio position for the current school principal.

High School SIC's

- at least two elected parents
- at least two elected teachers
- at least two elected students
- half as many appointed community members as the total number of elected members
- at least one ex-officio position for the current school principal.

If your SIC has been successful in achieving results that improved your school, consider submitting an application for SC-SIC's annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence.

The SC-SIC presents The Riley Award in the spring of each year to an SIC that has demonstrated exemplary leadership and actions that have improved public education in its community. The award is named for former US Secretary of Education and SC Governor Richard Riley and his late wife, Tunky.

The Riley Award is open to any SIC in South Carolina that has been active for at least one year.

District Winners: South Pointe High School, Sullivan Middle School, Ebinport Elementary,
The Children's School at Sylvia Circle

Resources

[http://sic.sc.gov/Documents/This%20is%20Your%20SIC%20-%20A%20Handbook%20for%20Effectiveness/Handbook for%20website.pdf](http://sic.sc.gov/Documents/This%20is%20Your%20SIC%20-%20A%20Handbook%20for%20Effectiveness/Handbook%20for%20website.pdf)

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