

Rock Hill High School
320 Springdale Rd.
Conference Room A
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

School Improvement Council Meeting Notes
August 29, 2022 5:30-6:30pm

Members Present: Jonathan Nunn (Chair/Teacher), Kelly Scott (Vice Chair/Parent), Laura Lawson (Parent), Kevin Porter(Parent), Dilip Patel (Community Member), Mona Letigio(Parent), Paula McMillan(Parent), Sally Young(Parent), Izabela Haas(Parent),, Hollie Yi(Parent),, Elizabeth Govea(Parent), Mattox Peek(student) and Alok Patel (student)

Mr. Nunn welcomed everyone to meeting and last month's notes were approved.

Report from Mr. Nunn:

- Shared some important dates coming up including practice safety drills scheduled for the school year. A followup question was asked about why drills are announced ahead of time by a parent. Answer from Mr. Nunn is that practice is just as important for the drills so notifying ahead of time does not hinder the practice.
- Two students from Rock Hill High attended SIC meeting as guests of Chair J Nunn.
- Enrollment data points were shared:
 - 1,950 at 10th day
 - Grad rate has declined from 83% to 78%. A focus group to work on improving EOC scores as well.
- Climate data survey results are coming & will be reviewed re student & teacher environment & feelings of safety, security and environment.
- Suicide awareness & mental health posters provided by NAMI have been posted around school by SIC chair

Discussion was held by the group about why morale at school & pride of students is so low & what can be done to improve if all agree that this is something to focus/work on this year. Parent, teacher and student input received.

From the discussion, these points were made:

- more equity/inclusion groups or clubs offering mentioned
- outreach of testimonials from Mona Letigios school NewHope Treatment ctr offered
- discussed having Rhhs alum & former nfl player come to speak about mental health & school pride/spirit
- maybe help advertise school's RHHS podcasts & contribution to podcast topics

Conclusion of discussion: SIC group wants to know the answer to question:

At RHHS, what is feeling of inclusion and or school pride of being a Bearcat?

The SIC student guests mentioned their school identity is based on football & sports scores, i.e. winning or losing team. Also mentioned wanting “affordable “ spirit wear.

Towards this, there were these ideas:

- ideas about asking for spirit pep rally or school band marching through hall at end of day to create spirit before game time
- maybe a student spirit section
- discussion about suicide prevention poster contest for students during end of September & maybe battle of bands
- suicide prevention week events leading up to NAMI walk the next week

Goals of the RHHS SIC were not reviewed at this meeting, but these are last year’s goals to be continued this year:

1. Improving Teacher Morale and Communication with parents and looking to add a third goal for students (mental health awareness).
 - a. Towards communication: improve education and awareness of parents to Canvas Learning Management System in supporting their students. Mr. Nunn mentioned in meeting that Canvas will be updated with grades by Thursday of each week. Also, along lines of communication, the SIC will help by posting information about RTI and its benefits and advantages to RHHS students and their attendance.
 - b. Towards teacher morale: the Snack Cart will continue throughout the year being stocked with donations. There will be various breakfast treats and coffee/drink food trucks for teachers throughout the year sponsored by SIC and RHHS faith and business partners.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next Meeting will be at the school 9/19, Conference Rm A at 5:30-6:30pm