

**Rock Hill High School**  
A Conference Rm  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

**School Improvement Council Meeting Notes**  
**January 23, 2023 6:00-7:00pm**

Members Present: Kelly Scott (Vice Chair/Parent), Laura Lawson (Parent), Mona Letigio (Parent), Beth Zamorski (Parent), Candi Showalter (Parent), Dilip Patel (Community Member), and Ozzie Ahl (Principal).

Kelly Scott opened meeting by welcoming everyone back for the second semester. Then asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves to the group.

Next, Kelly asked Mr. Ahl to give a school update.

There are currently 1,899 students. We are down a bit, as about 43 students graduated in December. Important upcoming dates & events were then shared as follows:

- Feb 1 is rising 9<sup>th</sup> grader night
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Advanced Studies Night (AP/IB/Honors)
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> is Meet the Bearcats night-Athletic program where athletic teams are introduced (winter and spring)
- March 28<sup>th</sup> is jump up day for 9<sup>th</sup> graders to be on campus for the day. This is also job shadow (students) and college visit day. Stay tuned for more info from Guidance Department. Juniors will be testing.
- We are fully staffed for spring 2023, and starting on 23-24 staffing
- D building elevator project still in progress for 2 weeks
- Spring testing dates will be posted next week

Kelly then reviewed the [SC Department of Education](#) site and it's school report card for our school for the group in attendance. This covers many categories, including a Climate Survey that parents, students and teachers take part in completing. The report card is also linked with our school's improvement plan/renewal plan. We are currently in year 4 of a 5 year plan. See the attached renewal plan from 2018-19, attached below. You will also find individual questions from the Climate Survey attached. The 3 main goals of our school improvement plan were **climate (safety), grad rates and End of Course scores**.

A parent asked for more info about those goals and Principal Ahl shared the following:

We submit something called a School Renewal Plan. It's a yr plan and every year, we update the progress or regression in any other particular area.

Our goals in 2019 were that by 2024 we would be at a 90% **graduation rate**. This last year we were at 82%. We have this year and next year to get to that 90%. This year our goal will be 86% and the next will be 90%.

We also have our **safety goal** from the Climate Survey to be at 94%. From 80% up to 94%.

Lastly our **EOC End of Course scores** which are English II, Biology, Algebra II and US History goal is to get between 80 and 85% over time. This is our biggest struggle goal to reach. 80-85% student to pass the EOC at grade of 60. The state is to get to a grade of 70. Hard to compare to state's because they shift and change what they are assessing each time. English and Algebra are our low

ones, because students who do well take it in middle school and we don't get credit for those. Action steps are in that School Renewal Plan.

Next, Vice Chair Laura Lawson shared an update on the SIC's student incentives treat in partnership with Elevation-Riverwalk. Over 600 donuts were given out to the students who had no referrals during the first semester. Laura also reported that the teachers were treated to coffee and pastries from the Rock Hill Roasters coffee truck in January, they will have a subway lunch in February sponsored by Southern Builders and CCA(2 student's parents businesses) and the snack cart continues to be a fave of the teachers/staff and be stocked by parents and business partners.

For the students, Kona Ice will continue through spring and we have made \$132, \$200 and \$200 and this money goes back to helping with student goodies.

Parents can sign up to donate when they see our SIC posts on Facebook or in the school newsletter found on the RHHS website homepage.

Students and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)- NAMI comes to our health classes and teach from the Ending the Silence program to help give information about mental illness conditions, treatment, tips and tricks etc. And where students can go to get help or send their friends.

NAMI also came and gave an Ending the Silence program for the RHHS teaching faculty in the fall. In the spring, we will do another green ribbon week to show awareness for mental health issues.

For the student's winter dance, to continue our partnership, we provided as an SIC some drink donations for the students.

Questions:

Parent Candi Showalter asked as a new SIC parent member, how can I help out?

Kelly responded that it would be very helpful to share our SIC as an organization and to join us, also communicate with your student's teachers and support your student as much as possible. And send any businesses that can partner with us.

Another question was who is the replacement for the mental health counselor on campus. Mr. Ahl shared her name is Catherine Woody.

Parent Candi Showalter brought forth a proposal to work on parent networking and engagement plan in an effort to help parents get educational information that they need to make their children and the entire school more successful.

We will have another voluntary meeting by zoom before next month's meeting to discuss this idea in more detail and to present it to the Principal and his staff for consideration.

The next SIC meeting will be February 27, 2023 at 6pm by Zoom.