



School Improvement Council Meeting Notes  
Tanglewood MS

Thursday, September 29, 2022  
5pm-6pm

1. Introduction - Members and Guests  
About 15 individuals were present on the call.
2. Approval of Agenda - approved
3. Vote for positions
  - Alecia Brewster nominated as chair for 2022-2023 - all in favor
  - Secretary - Stephen Kidd - majority in favor

4. Purpose of SIC.

SIC is state mandated and involves a five-year year school improvement plan. Typically, staff prepares the five-year plan, then it is shared to the SIC, the public, and finally the state. Tanglewood's plan is basic due to low English and Math proficiency.

SIC assists with this and with implementation of school reading plan. SIC can take a more active role in the school.

5. Title 1 funding update - Shannon Faulkner

Budget is \$850,000 total. Probably 70% is staff - 700k. 11 teachers to assist, plus "ESAU" coach (Ms. Benjamin – MLP (multilingual learner program) IC (instructional coach). This is the first year for a full-time person in this position. Feedback will be solicited from SIC regarding the Title 1 program.

6. Volunteer

- Meals for meetings and other needs by local churches

Stephen Kidd - willing to be involved and can also connect with a small network of area churches, also Project Host is helping with food for sporting events. Dates need to be established for future functions.

- New Teacher Support

Dr. Dirton (instructional coach - not available today)

- School Store

Help in the school store is important as the store helps to build an account for flexible spending. Future PTA could manage the store. Ms. Quiles – The store has some help but this is an open volunteer opportunity. The store is open over all three lunches each day.

- Lunch & Hallway - Dr. Walles - volunteers are helpful for purposes of student accountability. Ideally volunteers are level II.

7. Parent Leadership Training - Alecia Brewster. Has participated in this training and it can be implemented at Tanglewood. It assists parents over the spectrum of the SC education system, from the state level down to local school details.

Dr. Yasha Becton - with USC, works with the Dept. of Education and state SIC office. Parent Leadership Program has already been piloted. Typically, the program meets monthly on Saturdays for about 2 hours; the parents also perform some type of community event.

<https://cfec.sc.gov/parent-leadership-partners-program> for more information

Module 1: Parents as leaders,  
 Module 2 - Developing Your Leadership Skills;  
 Module 3 - Education in the State of SC;  
 Module 4 - Culminating Project;  
 Module 5 - Parental Investment;  
 Module 6 - Navigating the Public Education System;  
 Module 7 - The Achievement Gap & Vulnerable Student Populations

8. School Update - Dr. Walles

Good start to the year and good group of new teachers. There have been some academic gains, including awards from the district. More progress is needed.

Volunteerism is a good development, and the school is open right now.

First parent teacher conference was 9/28 - about 90 families showed up. First parent teacher meeting that Tanglewood has had in several years.

Challenges - there are a lot of challenging situations in the community that end up coming into the school.

716 in building, 10-12 virtual, a new wing to be constructed in 2024-2025, to the back of the building. Currently five portables have been installed. Projected growth of 300-400 additional students with increased diversity as well.

Mr. Mims is new Dean of Students at the school.

9. Announcements - A. Brewster

Camp Greenville - working on plans for a student trip at the end of May

- 6th grade - 5/24
- 7th grade - 5/25
- 8th grade - 5/26

10. Public comments

- question about parent training
- question about 5/26 date for 8th graders to Camp Greenville and potential conflict for advanced students

11. Adjourn - Dr. Walles motion to adjourn, Ms. Quiles 2nd.

Note on next meetings - dates below and will be hybrid (in person / with Zoom available)

10/27

11/17

no Dec

1/26

2/23

3/16

4/27

5/25

Submitted by Stephen Kidd