

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

School Improvement Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 22, 2018
5:30 – 6:30 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; Adam Salisbury, teacher; Cicely Brown, parent; and Mona Letigio, parent/secretary. Ms. Kelly Scott called the meeting to order to discuss the following agenda:

1. Wrap up of year by Mr. Goodwin
2. Discuss pondering goals/ideas over summer for next year (currently: improving parent communication, canvas training, promote good health & wellness students and staff)
3. Set tentative meeting date for 2018-2019 school year

Wrap up of year by Mr. Goodwin

Mr. Goodwin stated that he hoped all of our SIC members received the Report to the Parents (SC-SIC required report each April 30th) that Kelly, with Mr. Goodwin sent out to Sullivan families. They added some things from the feedback that was provided before Mr. Goodwin turned them in to the school district. The district will submit it to the state as part of the requirement of the SC- School Improvement Council. This report is also available online.

Mr. Goodwin thanked everyone especially Mrs. Scott for working hard on parent communication this year. All means of communications (Blackboard, Canvas, school website, and other social media) were utilized to reach out to parents, to get involved, and to be well informed of what's going on in our school.

As everyone was aware, Mr. Goodwin is not returning next school year. He expresses his sadness for leaving but also love for our school, as well as our school district. His family is moving to a new place in Virginia and he will be taking a new role as an assistant principal in an elementary school.

From the school sense, the school is looking for folks to fill some positions. Today, the newly hired French teacher, in addition to Mr. Adam Salisbury, came by to meet some of the language teachers and discuss some important matters with regards to curriculum, course requirements, and planning. Another language teacher that is leaving this year is Ms. Lukity, our Chinese teacher. Ms. Lukity is moving to Lexington, South Carolina due to her husband's business moving down there. So, the school is looking for a new Chinese teacher, additional Spanish teacher, as well as Math and Science teachers. Mr. Oliver, the man who takes care of our building is retiring this year, but his wife, Ms. Betty will continue to be with us.

Because of the administrative staff change of hiring new principal for next year, Dr. Campbell, the Personnel Director, came today and met with the faculty and staff after school in the auditorium. There were no administrators invited during the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to some inputs coming from the faculty and staff's perspective with regards to hiring of new principal. The district is also looking into teacher retention as it is quite challenging to keep good teachers in our district because of varying factors like salary scale, good neighboring school districts, and simply for other opportunities outside our district. Rock Hill School

District embarks in a survey for folks to fill out about the district, what they like about it, what they did not like, and what the district can do to keep teachers here to mention a few.

Sullivan will select a new principal possibly within the next two to four weeks, then School Board will approve appointed principal during one of their board meetings. It was mentioned by Mr. Goodwin that they will include parents and Winthrop partners to get involved during the selection process. Mrs. Kelly remind Mr. Goodwin to mention to the new principal that the school has an active School Improvement Council (SIC) as a heads up.

From a building perspective, construction is on target: putting drywalls on the Media Center, closing in rooms and ceilings tiles. There is still a lot of work to do. This summer, construction people will be working in the Band Room, Strings Room, Auditorium (install wheelchair access ramp), and the elevator. Safety wise, the school has a new safety system in place but still not in full swing as tested yesterday.

Before the school will close, there are schedules in place like the Fun Run, Field Day, one more End of Course exam for 8th graders, and Awards Day (May 30th: 6th and 7th graders and May 31st: 8th graders).

Questions and Concerns:

Mrs. Kelly was asking about the installation of the auditorium ramp and if that was the outcome of the letter that was sent with regards to previous request. Mr. Goodwin answered with a no. The ramp will be installed for students' welfare as it is also a necessity to have one.

A safety concern was also raised by Mrs. Kelly about the construction trucks that parked along Caswell Street. People cannot see the full view of the road because of those trucks blocking the way especially at 3:30 p.m.

Discuss pondering goals/ideas over summer for next year (currently: improving parent communication, canvas training, promote good health & wellness students and staff)

Ideas: *Ways to help students express their concerns in a respectful and healthy way:*

Maybe put a suggestion box.

Have Student Council get involve.

Add a link in our school website (comment section) that students can express their concerns or appreciation.

How to make parents felt more welcomed/informed/involved:

Continue using canvas, school website, social media

Monthly Newsletter

SIC will be there during school functions that include parents' involvement

Meeting Adjourned

Tentative schedule for next meeting for school year 2018-2019 will be Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at TBA.