

Walhalla High School
School Improvement Council
Minutes of Meeting
December 13th, 2018

- I. Welcome
In attendance were: Esther Phillips, T Jason Moss, Amanda Harris, Kathleen Lynch, Annette Orr, Melinda Fischer, Lorlei Swanson, Dora Leonard, Jessica Duke, Olivia Timms, Butch Clay, Jenna Cobb, Meg Fischer, Cooper Timms, Meredith Cobb, Isaac Buckner, Kayla Garrett, Katelynn Morrison and Tricia Burgess
 - a. Appoint time keeper for meeting - **Thank you Dora Leonard**
 - b. Sign in
- II. Approve October Minutes – Tricia Burgess
Minutes were sent by email on Nov 12th
Motion was made and November minutes were approved
- III. Environmental Science Class – Amanda Gladys
Special guest, Gage Graba, presented a slideshow on Walhalla Waterway Wellness. Seneca Journal will be interviewing students in Amanda’s Environmental Science class. Amanda Gladys was awarded \$1000 in grant funding from Wells Fargo as a result of Jessica Duke’s volunteerism for WHS SIC.
- IV. Co-Chair Report- Lorlei Swanson & Olivia Timms
Submitted Membership to SC SIC by deadline
Reminded chairpersons to submit report to Tricia by the 2nd Monday of the month
Next SIC meeting is Jan 10th, 2019
SIC received a thank you note from teachers for the November luncheon
- V. Student Report and comments
Signup sheet distributed for donations and volunteers for the Snow Ball
Snow Ball will be held February 2nd, 2019
Meg created a flyer advertising the Snow Ball.
Set up will be on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.
Tickets will be \$10 or five gently used children’s books.
David Sparks will set up a winter backdrop and take pictures
Discussed using proceeds from the Snow Ball to benefit groups within the school for example, the nature trail or bee garden
Mr. Garrett approved for the students to use the courtyard for their benefit

VI. Teacher Comments

Amanda Harris praised Mr. Garrett and the administration team for all that they do for the teachers

Amanda Gladys will be applying for another grant to benefit the nature trail and bee garden

VII. Committee Reports

- **Teacher Appreciation - Annette Orr - In lieu of a basket/survey drawing or the trail mix bags in November, it was decided to host a faculty and staff luncheon.**
Thanks to Olivia Timms for organizing the luncheon at WHS on November 21st. Thanks to all that contributed by bringing/sending soups and salad items and for help with set-up and clean-up.
Donations previously received (thank you, Carrie Dunton) will go toward the December drawings at Thursday meeting: 2 Starbucks gift card sets (2 \$10 cards) and a holiday/winter themed basket.
This month Gage Grabe drew the name of Donna Hogan and Kenneth Bennett for the Starbucks gift cards and Mrs. Hughes won the holiday/winter themed gift basket.
Still looking for donations for the upcoming months drawing. It was requested that Annette send out an email to the membership to let us know what the next theme will be for the January basket and ask for donations.
- **Latino Outreach - Esther reported that she is still meeting monthly at Greenville Hospital to help with outreach to the Latino community and the SDOC family liaisons offer monthly parenting seminars at Oconee Academy. The Latino Outreach Committee is meeting today to finalize plans for the upcoming Wellness Fair.**
- **Wellness event - Will be held Feb 9th 2019 at the downtown Walhalla Soccer Stadium. The WHS men's and women's soccer teams will host the alumni soccer games in conjunction with the Wellness Fair. Currently 12 community agencies have committed to be a part of the event. Concessions and soccer will be for sale at this event with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the soccer teams and teacher appreciation efforts. The Communication committee will help promote. Amanda Harris has collected an abundance of books that will be stored in the yearbook room prior to the event. Flyers for the book drive were sent to all the schools.**
- **Communication - Promoted past and upcoming events on social media**
- **Data Collection - It was suggested to possibly use the data from AdvanceEd in lieu of creating a new survey.**

- Elections, Recruitment and Retention - **start planning for elections for next school year. It was recommended to have several SIC members including students to speak during the Freshmen Focus Night on Feb 21st at 6:00 p.m.**
- Report to the Parents - **need pictures of SIC events for the Parent Report Card**
- Student and Parent Engagement - **discussed ideas on how to promote parent engagement, including partnering with organizations like Walhalla United, Oconee Winds, etc.**
- School Board update - **Butch Clay plans on attending the school board meeting this Monday night. He encouraged teachers and parents to present him with anything that they would like to be brought forward to the Board.**
- PAC update - **Annette Orr attended and reported that they encouraged parents to provide input on the modified schedule. Annette will provide more information at the next SIC meeting.**

VIII. Report Card and Principal Report – Steve Garrett
Mr. Garrett was not able to be present

IX. Public Comment and Discussion

X. Adjourn