

Walhalla High School
School Improvement Council Minutes
October 11th, 2018

- I. Welcome
In attendance were: Principal Steve Garrett, Teacher T Jason Moss, Teacher Amanda Harris, Teacher Kathleen Lynch, Laura Estes, Mallory Dailey, School Board member Joe Rukat, Annette Orr, Carrie Dunton, Lorilei Swanson, Dora Leonard, Jessica Duke, Olivia Timms, Butch Clay, Jenna Cobb, Hanna Grace Lyle, Meg Fischer Carter McInnis, John Twitty, Cooper Timms, Rachel Twitty, Elliot Wechter, Meredith Cobb, Isaac Buckner, Brij Patel, and Tricia Burgess
 - a. Appoint time keeper for meeting: **Thank you, Carrie Dunton**
 - b. Sign in and Introductions: **Members introduced and attendance sheet circulated**
- II. Approve October Minutes – Tricia Burgess
September minutes were sent by email on 10-8-18 for review. Motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.
- III. SIC Officer Election
Chair - Lorilei Swanson and Olivia Timms
Vice Chair - Elliot Wechter and Cooper Timms
Secretary - Tricia Burgess and Amanda Harris
Motion was made to accept the elected officers. Motion was seconded and approved.
- IV. Community Member Highlight– Mallory Dailey
Mallory Dailey works at the Clemson University Extension Office, a public outreach service. She is a 4 H Agent in Oconee County and works closely with school enrichment programs including the Walhalla High School Environmental Science classes.
- V. Wells Fargo Volunteer Award/Grant – Jessica Duke
Jessica announced she won the 2018 Wells Fargo Volunteer Award based on her work on the Walhalla High School SIC and the Riley Award application. Walhalla High School is eligible for a \$1,000 grant through this award. Amanda Gladys submitted the grant application to pay for testing materials for the Adopt-a-Stream project with Clemson University 4-H.

- VI. Student Committee Report
- **Snowball Semi formal dance is scheduled to be on Feb. 2. Next student meeting is on Oct 25 at 8:15. They will be discussing and planning the event including possibly renaming it.**
 - **Steve Garrett asked for feedback on the Character Education videos that are being shown in the Razor classes. Discussed possibly having a student leadership team promoting the videos.**
- VII. Teacher Comments
- **Amanda Harris reported that the Virtual Razor class is still in the planning stages**
- VIII. Wellness Fair Update – Esther Phillips, Latino Outreach Committee
- **Olivia Timms reported that the Wellness Fair is scheduled on Saturday, February 9th, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. with the women’s soccer game at 1:00 p.m. and the men’s soccer game at 2:00 p.m. at the downtown soccer field in Walhalla.**
 - **Vendors will be selling food and WHS Soccer clothing and gear. Proceeds will go to the soccer teams and teacher appreciation expenses.**
 - **Several libraries have agreed to donate English and Spanish children's books to distribute during this event. The Walhalla High School library volunteered to be a drop off location for book donations.**
 - **Many community agency representatives will be at the Wellness Fair to promote health and wellness resources in our community.**
- IX. SIC Calendar- Annette Orr
- **SDOC sent a letter to all parents in the district to vote on a traditional or modified 2020-2021 calendar.**
 - **Deadline for voting is October 26th.**
- X. PAC update-Olivia Timms
- **Walhalla High school won national recognition as a Banner Unified Champion School for Inclusion in athletics. This will be recognized during the Walhalla High School v. Palmetto football game on Friday**
 - **Leadership encouraged us to write our legislators about starting school before the 3rd Monday in August to allow end of term exams to be finished before the December break.**
 - **Discussed building updates on Seneca Middle School and throughout the county.**
 - **Discussed how Title One funds are being dispersed through all elementary schools in the county.**
 - **Plan to have 50 new substitutes eligible to substitute in November**
 - **Advanced Ed Accreditation coming in March to schools**
 - **Discussed the cost and benefits of window tinting on windows in schools**
 - **Next PAC meeting November 30th at 12:00 p.m. at James M Brown Elementary School**

- XI. Co-Chair Report- Lorilei Swanson & Jessica Duke
- a. Committees – Please sign up for a committee or role
 - **Previously sent an email out to everyone with a description of each committee**
 - **Please sign up for a committee on the signup sheet**
 - b. SIC Training
 - **Training date was rescheduled and one new parent attended.**
 - **Members are encouraged to go online to sic.sc.gov to get information about running an effective SIC**
 - c. SC SIC regional coordinator presentation
 - **Principal Steve Garrett, Student Cooper Timms, and SIC Chair Lorilei Swanson represented WHS at the SIC Regional Coordinator Annual Meeting**
 - **Dora Leonard was named the Chair of SIC Board of Trustees**
 - **Lorilei Swanson was accepted as a member of the 2018-2019 SC Education Policy Fellowship Program**
 - **The State SIC received a 5 million dollar grant to be used as family engagement resource center throughout the state**
- XII. Principal Report – Steve Garrett
- **Focus on Character Education in Razor classes**
 - **Thanks to the Town of Walhalla for supporting the homecoming this year. Had a meeting with them and discussed how to grow our alliance including hosting Back to School night downtown**
 - **“She can try” Seminar - Successful female leaders will discuss their successful careers next Thursday during the school day and the event is open to all female students**
 - **PSAT was held yesterday**
 - **College application day is next week**
 - **Data from parent/student surveys will be shared at next SIC meeting**
- XIII. Public Comment and Discussion
- **Teacher appreciation drawing winners announced: Lanna McCall won the hiking gift bag and Mr. Udell and Mr. Kiker each won a \$20 Starbucks gift card**
 - **Homecoming parade was a success**
 - **A parent asked what is the school doing about educating students on the upcoming election and engaging students in a discussion about voting. Mr. Garrett responded that all students are required to take Government classes and these topics are being discussed in these classes. Discussed the possibility of promoting voter registration within the school in the future.**
- XIV. Adjourned at **9:02**