

Walhalla High School  
School Improvement Council  
Minutes of Meeting  
September 6th, 2018

I. Welcome

**In attendance were: Principal Steve Garrett, Board Member Joe Rukat, T. Jason Moss, Brian Ridsen, Annette Orr, Melinda Fischer, Melissa Dempsey, Dora Leonard, Olivia Timms, Jessica Duke, Brij Patel, Rachel Twitty, Cooper Timms, Elliot Wechter, Meredith Cobb, Maddie MacLachlan, Carter McInnis, Cathy Plowden, Chanda Morrison, Isaac Buckner, Jenna Cobb, Josiah Akridge, Kathleen Lynch, Hanna Grace Lyle, Kallsen Wright, Merab Perez-Arellano, Tricia Burgess and via zoom conference, Raul Chavez.**

a. Appoint time keeper for meeting

**Thank you Olivia Timms**

b. Sign in and Introductions

**A sign in sheet was passed around and everyone introduced themselves.**

II. Approve May Minutes

**May minutes were sent out by email on 9-4-18 for review. Motion was made to accept and approve the minutes.**

III. Celebrations

a. Sports Pass Winner for completing parent survey -

**170 parents participated in the survey. Mr. Garrett announced that Summer Black is the parent winner of the All Sports Family Pass.**

b. Wells Fargo Volunteer Award/Grant

**Jessica Duke won the 2018 Wells Fargo Volunteer Award for her work on Riley Award entry. We are eligible for a \$1000 grant and the application is due on September 28th. Please submit ideas for funding programmatic activities to Jessica and Lorilei.**

- **Cathy Plowden, teacher, suggested that part of the \$1000 Wells Fargo grant money be used for the Environmental Science Classes on the Green School projects to be used for improving recycling.**
- **It was also suggested that the grant money could be used to purchase children's books for young children written in Spanish and English to promote literacy.**

c. SC SIC Regional Coordinators Presentation (Chairs, Principal, Leonard)

**Lorilei Swanson, Steve Garrett and Olivia and Cooper Timms will be presenting as the 2018 Riley award winners and Dora will be presenting on marketing strategies at the SC SIC coordinator meeting on Sept 7th in Columbia.**

- IV. Student Coordination with Teacher Adviser, Kathleen Lynch
- **Students discussed what they participated in last year including the Snow Ball Dance, Nature Trail Volunteer Day, Social Media Teacher Appreciation Campaign and participation in the Riley Award presentation at the SC SIC Annual Meeting.**
  - **Students will coordinate with their teacher advisor to set up their first student meeting.**
- V. Wellness Fair Update – Esther Phillips, Latino Outreach Committee
- **Esther was not present at the meeting. Lorilei discussed that the committee originally planned to be part of the Back to School Night but at the last minute the event was cancelled due to rain. Ideas for rescheduling the Wellness Fair were discussed. Olivia will contact the City of Walhalla about dates of community events. Jessica will contact the WHS soccer coaches to discuss teaming up with the Spring Alumni games.**
- VI. SIC Calendar
- **It was voted that we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 a.m. for 2018-2019 school year.**
- VII. SIC Officer Election
- **Lorilei will send out notification by email to recruit more parents to be involved in the SIC and it was suggested that we make a presentation at the Sophomore parent meeting to recruit parents to serve on SIC the following year.**
  - **Lorilei will be sending out an email with descriptions of officer positions and committee descriptions for members to review. We will vote for officers and sign up for committees at the next SIC meeting.**
- VIII. Co-Chair Report- Lorilei Swanson & Jessica Duke
- a. Nature Trail Volunteer Opportunity
    - **Looking for volunteers for work day on Sept 8. 10:00-1:00**
  - b. Committees
    - **Everyone is asked to be on a committee. We will need a chair for each committee.**
  - c. Community Members
    - **Please make suggestions for community members to serve on our SIC**
  - c. SIC Training
    - **The District Office canceled the SIC training. No reschedule date has been set at this time. Online training is available at SIC website at [www.sic.sc.gov](http://www.sic.sc.gov) Officers will provide a training to SIC members if needed.**
  - d. Review of Progress
    - **Committee Chairs can share their progress and recommendations for moving forward at the October SIC meeting**
  - e. Plans for the future
    - **Review the results for the parent, teacher and student surveys and any other relevant information to identify goals and activities for the 2018-2019 School Year.**

IX. Principal Report – Steve Garrett

- **New call out system includes email. Some parents are not receiving them. It's a work in progress.**
- **Discussed with students the lunch schedule. It will remain the same as last year because that is what students wanted.**
- **Razor classes will create new custom flags for their classes**
- **Looking for someone to help move the "senior" rock from the old high school to the new high school.**
- **Met with student athletes and discussed the importance of leadership**
- **On Oct 18 WHS will host the, She Can Try Seminar. Female leaders will be speaking to all the female student body encouraging female goals and aspirations. Will be inviting sister schools for an afterschool presentation also.**

X. Public Comment and Discussion

- **A parent suggested a virtual razor class for students who attend the Hamilton Career Center or Tri County Technical College. Amanda Harris has volunteered to work on this virtual class.**
- **All grades will be posted in Powerschool officially and some teachers will continue to use Canvas to assign some grades throughout the semester.**
- **Parent request for the Athletic Director to post all sports events with dates on the school website.**
- **A parent asked if the social media post stating that all recreation football players and cheerleaders will no longer get in free at all games is true or not. Mr. Garrett replied that WHS is seeking equity among all sports. One home football game will allow all students in the Walhalla area to get in free. Another home football game will allow all recreation football players and cheerleaders to get in free. It was requested that these dates be posted on the school website or social media.**

XI. Adjourned at 9:02