

Walhalla High School Improvement Council
Meeting Minutes
August 22nd, 2016

Present: Steve Garrett, Amanda Harris, Paul Holleran, Alicia Keys, Christie Lee, Bruce MacLachlan, Lori MacLachlan, Sandy Prather, Lorilei Swanson, Anna Wholey, Olivia Timms, Carmen Lee, Trisha Riser, Tricia Burgess, Deidre Henthorn, John Twitty, JoAnne Heaton, Jessica Duke, Tonya Massey, Laura Estes, Morgan Massey, Sherri Hopkins.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. **NOTE: Action Items are highlighted below.**

New School Improvement Council (SIC) members were welcomed and introductions were conducted.

May 2016 Minutes were reviewed by Lorilei Swanson and were unanimously approved.

Chair Report by Lorilei Swanson

- Thanked everyone who attended the SIC basics training: Paul Holleran, Deidre Henthorn, JoAnne Heaton, John Twitty, Dora Leonard, Lori MacLachlan, Katherine Allen and Lorilei Swanson.
- Observation of the commitment level of newly elected parents and students.
- Discussed the role of the School Improvement Council and reviewed the progress toward SIC goals during the 2015-2016 school year.
- Asked all members to review the WHS Strategic Plan and come to the September meeting prepared to focus on goals and form working committees.
- Emphasized the importance of including student voice and increasing community involvement on the SIC.
- Recommended that one parent from the Walhalla attendance area and one parent from the Tamasee Salem attendance area co-chair the SIC this year.
- Announced that Melissa Fischer resigned from the council as her children are no longer attending Walhalla High School.

Bruce MacLachlan discussed the importance of creating surveys and collecting meaningful data to drive goals and measure progress.

Principal's Report by Steve Garrett

- Mr. Garrett emphasized the importance of Focus for SIC this year in the area of Growth, Relationships and Communication.
- Mr. Garrett introduced the concept of Wahalla United.

Discussion of the 2016-2017 SIC meeting calendar

- Mr. Garrett emphasized the importance of inviting SIC members to school during the school day to help parents and community members feel welcomed at WHS and to make it easier for students to be involved in school improvement.
- Members agreed to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:15 AM.
- Mr. Garrett will provide breakfast for SIC members and will make sure teachers on SIC have coverage in their classroom.

- Proposed Calendar will be presented to student SIC members and if suitable will be approved in the September SIC meeting.

Nomination and Election of SIC officers for 2016-2017 School Year

The following SIC members were nominated and unanimously elected as officers:

- Tricia Burgess and Lorilei Swanson, Co-Chairs
- Olivia Timms, Vice-Chair
- Katherine Allen, Secretary

Announcements

Dora Leonard was nominated and elected to serve on the State SC School Improvement Council Board of Directors. Congratulations to Dora!!!

Action Items for September Meeting:

- Review the WHS Strategic Plan
- Approve the SIC calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year.
- Develop focus for the SIC by identifying goals for the year, developing working committees and appoint chairs for working committees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at WHS at 7:15AM.