

Alice Drive Middle
School Improvement Council
November 17, 2016
3:15-4:15 pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was brought to order at 3:15 pm.
2. A sign-in sheet was passed around. Members present include:
 - a. Mr. Ivey, Assistant Principal
 - b. Mrs. Doizier, Parent Representative
 - c. Mrs. Rosdail, Community Representative
 - d. Dr. Watson-Smith, Community Representative
 - e. Mr. Summerford, Community Representative, SIC Chair
 - f. Mrs. Faulling, Teacher Representative
 - g. Mrs. Lloyd, Teacher Representative
 - h. Mrs. Strong, Teacher of the Year
 - i. Mrs. Flanary, Parent Representative
 - j. Mrs. Kirkland, Parent Representative
 - k. Mrs. Pressley, Principal
 - l. Mrs. Edwards, Assistant Principal
 - m. Mr. Fair, Assistant Principal
3. Mr. Fair was introduced to the full SIC body as the school's new assistant principal. Mr. Fair serves in an ex-officio capacity.
4. Mr. Ivey reviewed the notes from Mrs. Pressley as part of the principal's report. The report included the following info:
 - a. School is the proud recipient of several grants:
 - i. TechFit - \$20,000 grant for TechFit club, staff professional development
 - ii. SC DHEC Recycling Grant - \$2,500 to enhance the school's recycling program
 - iii. Google Community Grant - \$20,000 to enhance the school's STEM program (robotics)
 - b. 12 Junior Scholars
 - c. Mrs. Hansen, ELA Teacher at ADM, was named the district middle level Reading Teacher of the Year
5. Mr. Ivey turned the meeting over to Mr. Summerford, SIC chair.
 - a. Mr. Summerford reviewed the three priority areas brainstormed during the October SIC meeting.
 - i. Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up Area

1. Mr. Summerford informed the committee that a local vendor has agreed to sell a video camera to the school (at cost) to monitor the gate traffic. The camera will capture those cars who make illegal turns into/out of gates one and two.
 2. Mr. Summerford led a discussion with council members on how to utilize law enforcement. Members wanted to know why the SRO was not able to help ensure the traffic rules. Mr. Ivey reminded the council that the changes in the traffic pattern were the result of collaboration with the Sumter PD during the 2013-14 school year. Mrs. Rosdail and Mrs. Dozier added that when the SRO is present (in a parked position) across from gate 2, there are no cars who make illegal turns.
 3. Council members wanted to know if the school had any data to analyze, specifically the number of cars who are making illegal turns. Mr. Ivey reviewed the school safety committee findings from the Safe Routes to School audit performed in October. Mr. Ivey added that we will collect data from a two-week observation window to share during the January meeting.
- ii. Home-School Communication
1. Mrs. Strong reviewed with the council the progress the school is continuing to make in the implementation of Google learning initiatives, including the home-school communication features.
 2. Mrs. Faulling, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Strong, and Mr. Ivey are going to work on creating a series of “infomercials” that explain a variety of topics to parents – including how to best utilize ParentPortal, navigating the parent conference, staying in touch with the teacher, how to monitor your student’s learning on the Chrome book, etc.
- iii. Service Learning Projects
1. Mr. Ivey updated the council of the progress of the STEM Ambassadors club. The club has finished strategic planning and will open up the application window next month prior to Christmas break. Students can apply during the two weeks before Christmas break. The application includes student demographics, teacher recommendations, and an essay component. Mrs. Pressley has approved \$250 in seed money for the club to operate. Interviews for students selected as finalist will take

place upon return from Christmas break. STEM Ambassadors will be inducted on Monday, January 23 (capped at 20 student ambassadors). Mrs. Pressley reminded the committee that these student representatives will be involved in monthly service learning projects.

6. Next month's meeting will be held at the Sumter School District Professional Development Training Center on Thursday, December 15, 2016 and feature SIC representatives from the state office.
7. Mr. Summerford adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.