

**MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 10, 2022**

The Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, with the following members present: Bonnie Tedder, Craig Bowers, Kevin Banks, Carl Moore, Stuart Lake, Candice Dixon, Valerie Haltiwanger, Dana Long, Ray Cooper, Jack Gantt, Tiffani Lyles, Tabitha Harmon, Jonathan Fowler, Gwen McAllister, and Sissy Delesandro. A guest presenter, Jennifer Moore, was also present. The following items were distributed via email on Thursday, October 21: an agenda, April 2022 meeting minutes, SIC Basics Handout, Bylaws, and MCHS School Renewal Plan (Strategic Plan).

*Welcome* – Mr. Cooper welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

*Items of business:*

- April 2022 Minutes – Minutes were approved.
- Public Forum – No one had any items of discussion.
- Introductions – Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.
- SIC Basics & Bylaws – This information was emailed to SIC members on October 5<sup>th</sup> and distributed at the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to review and let us know if there are any questions.
- Overview of SIC
  - ❖ What is an SIC?
    - Broad-based community advisory body that consist of parents, teachers, community members, students, administrators, and school leaders.
    - Focused on goals to improve the school
    - Required in each K-12 public school by law
  - ❖ Begin review of School Improvement Plan and other school data such as survey results, test scores, and other data.
  - ❖ Begin ongoing monitoring of school's progress toward achieving goals in Plan.
- MCHS School Renewal Plan (Strategic Plan) - This information was emailed to SIC members on October 5<sup>th</sup> and distributed at the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to review and let us know if there are any questions. This report contains a lot of data/information and SIC plays a major role in updating it each year. In a future meeting, we will discuss it in more detail and then break into sub-groups to make revisions as we see fit.
- Mrs. Jennifer Moore, Career Development Facilitator for the School District of Newberry County
  - ❖ WPEC Results - Upper Savannah Comprehensive Local Needs Analysis Executive Summary
    - The data helps to identify local work force/industry needs and identify strengths and weaknesses of CTE programs.
    - We participate in the needs assessment survey every two years.
    - Piedmont Technical College is the post-secondary contact for our area.
    - Seven counties are in our WPEC Region: Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda
  - ❖ Upcoming Dates from the Newberry County Career Center
    - CTE: Virtual Information Session at the Newberry County Career Center will take place via Zoom on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. This is for those who would like to learn more about Career Center Opportunities.
    - Newberry County Career Center Open House will take place on January 19, 2023, 4 – 6 p.m. This will be an in-person event.
- Elect Chairperson & Duties of Officer
  - ❖ The officers of Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council will be the chairperson and the secretary. The chairperson will be elected annually by the full council membership in the first council meeting of each academic year. Ex-officio members are not eligible to be an officer of the council. Tabitha Harmon was nominated and elected to serve as chairperson.

- 2021-2022 State Report Card Overview – Parts of the Report Card are still embargoed but are supposed to be released this week. The School's Report Card can be found on the South Carolina Department of Education website [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov). The Report Card is broken down into two categories: Academic Indicators and School Quality & Student Success Indicators
  - ❖ Academic Indicators
    - Academic Achievement – This indicator gives us the overall data on how students are doing in reading, writing, and math compared to state standards. The data that is used for this indicator are end-of-course exam grades in Algebra I and English II and alternate assessments.
    - English Language Progress – Multi-Language Students – Most of these students have been tested every year since kindergarten. By the time these students get to high school, they are trying to test out.
    - Graduation Rate – Percentage of students who entered high school in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated in at least 4 years. In 2021, we were at 91% and are waiting to see what percentage the report card puts us at for this past year. Administration and guidance meet with at risk seniors several times during the school year to get and keep them on track for the ultimate goal of graduation.
  - ❖ School Quality and Student Success Indicators
    - Preparing for Success Indicator – The purpose of this indicator is to determine if students are meeting state standards in the Sciences and Social Studies. The data that is used for this indicator are end-of-course grades in Biology and alternate assessment and U.S. History and the Constitution. The US History EOC this past year was a field test so we did not receive any results.
    - College & Career Readiness – We would love to have 100% of our students College and/or Career Ready.
      - To be college-ready, a student must meet one of the following:
        - Scores a composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT;
        - Scores a composite score of 1020 or higher on the SAT;
        - Scores a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam;
        - Scores a 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) assessment (*we do not offer this*). Only higher learning (HL) exams may count; or
        - Completes at least six (6) credit hours in dual enrollment courses with a grade of C or higher.
    - ACT Benchmark Scores – Scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.
    - AP – Students have asked for more AP classes so over the years we have added more AP classes.
    - Middle College – This is the third year that MCHS has partnered with Piedmont Technical College to offer Middle College. This allows high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn 48 plus college credit hours over the course of their high school career.
    - Dual Enrollment – These courses are offered through Piedmont Technical College and are designed for highly motivated juniors and seniors who choose to earn college credit while still enrolled in high school. We have 81 dual enrollment students at MCHS for the 2022-2023 fall semester.
    - To be career-ready, a student must meet one of the following:
      - Is a CTE completer and earns a national or state industry credential as determined by the business community; or
      - Earns a Silver, Gold or Platinum National Career Readiness Certificate on the state-approved career readiness assessment; or
      - Earns a scale score of 31 or higher on the ASVAB; or
      - Successfully completes a state-approved work-based learning program if students graduating from a high school are prepared for college or a career
    - Students have a lot of options. The Newberry County Career Center offers courses that students have available to them. During student IGP meetings our guidance counselors have those conversations with students and parents informing them of their options.
    - Students take state-approved career readiness assessment (WorkKeys).
    - ASVAB testing is offered at least twice a year at MCHS.
      - Effective Learning Environment – This data comes from results of teacher, student, and parent opinion surveys.

- Positive Share
  - ❖ Band Update – Valerie Haltiwanger, Band Booster Club President
    - This past Friday Night, at the home football game, the band was able to perform their program “On This Canvas” for the hometown crowd to see.
    - The 2022-2023 Band Booster Board: Janet Davenport, Past President; Valerie Haltiwanger, President; Kelly Fowler, Vice President; Vickie Lindler, Treasurer; and Bethany Crooks, Secretary.
    - We did well on our Little Mountain Reunion fundraiser. It was the first time we did it by ourselves without the assistance from the Fire & Rescue Squad.
    - We had a calendar fundraiser and it went okay.
    - We have been really busy with band competitions.
    - We have had an increase in our band membership.
    - For Homecoming we have invited the Middle School band students and MCHS Band Alumni to perform with us.
  - ❖ Athletic Update – Craig Bowers, Athletic Booster Club President
    - During COVID it was really difficult raising money. Things are improving and coming back around.
    - The Athletic Booster Board: Chris Graham, Past President; Craig Bowers, President; Kim Mack, Vice-President; Vicki Amick, Secretary; Ludy Werts, Treasurer.
    - After speaking to Valerie Haltiwanger and our band director we were able to have the band play our “Old School Fight Song” during our home game this past Friday night.
    - Football concessions has been going really well. We invited band parents back to help with concessions.
    - We are planning annual fundraisers that we would like to keep going each year. Fall – Boston Butt Fundraiser; Spring – Golf Tournament; and Summer – Silver Sword Banquet.
    - We are currently selling Boston Butt tickets for \$40. They will be cooked at Kenny Bo’s and can be picked up on October 29, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
    - The last home volleyball game will be this Thursday.
    - We are anticipating basketball going well.
    - We help all sports. This past Spring, we paid for gas for buses that transported our athletic teams to away games.
    - We are working on building up the scoreboard at the football stadium. This would be a major fundraiser. We would like to sell sponsorships that will be displayed around it.
- Next meeting - Monday, November 14, at 5:00 p.m.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.