

MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 26, 2021

The Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council met virtually via Google Meet at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, with the following members present: Tiffani Lyles, Zeb Reid, Sissy Delesandro, Coleen Makoski, Lorraine Kibler, Sarah Bridges, Emma Grace Connelly, Jack Gantt, Julie Barnes, Janet Davenport, Melanie Hawkins, Christi Vinson, and Jason Barnes. The following items were distributed via email on Thursday, January 22, 2021: an agenda, November 2020 minutes, and the MCHS School Renewal Plan (Strategic Plan).

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

Items of business:

- November 2020 Minutes – Minutes were approved.
- Strategic Plan/School Improvement Plan
 - ❖ A copy of the plan from last year was sent to all members via email on Thursday, January 22, 2021. The only updates/changes that we have is the graduation from 2019-2020 data being added. Our graduation rate for 2019-2020 was 87.3%. We had no EOC data for 2020 due to the pandemic and no EOC test taking place. We ask that everyone look over this plan and if you have any questions, concerns, and/or corrections that you feel need to be made to please let us know.
- EOC Testing 2021
 - ❖ Mrs. Lyles stated that EOC testing has been going well this year. Teachers have done a fantastic job. Grades are amazing. Kuddos to everyone especially our teachers.
- 4 Day Face to Face Transition
 - ❖ We were suppose to transition into four days face to face on January 22, 2021. That transition was put on hold by our School Board & District Office Administration for high school. The transition date for high school was revised to begin on Monday, February 1, 2021. We began our scheduled five lunch transitions on January 22, 2021 so all students can eat lunch in the cafeteria. This will especially be important when both groups come together and start four days face to face on February 1. The plexiglass has been installed and cleaning continues to take place so everyone stays safe.
- Positive Share
 - ❖ Athletic Update – Mr. Zeb Reid, Assistant Principal
 - **Region Championship Banners Updated** in Gym - Tennis, Cross Country Banner, & Volleyball Banner
 - **Notification from the United Soccer Coaches Association** - Congrats to Coach Mauldin-Regional Coach of the Year (Mid-Carolina High School Varsity Girls Soccer Coach) <https://unitedsoccercoaches.org/2020-high-school-regional-coaches-of-the-year/>
 - Rebels **Volleyball**: Kendal Boland-Named All-State Volleyball (Region IV AAA Player of the Year); Others on the All-Region Team: Jessie Wicker, Daylin Franklin, and Scotlyn Lominick
 - **Football** Awards: Colby Doolittle-Co Defensive Player of the Year (Region IV AAA), Colby Doolittle named All-State (Class AAA), Shelton Brooks-Named All-Region, Darian Bookman-Named All-Region, and Michael Lindler-Named All-Region
 - **Wrestling** Update: 1/13 MC 55, Fairfield Central 6 (TC Shepard, Charles Stuck, AJ Jackson, Laban Bowers, Zylan Agnew, Ken Jaimeson, Dalton Woolstenulme, Jonathan Daimon Hicks, Zach Hornsby, and Tevan Timmons won their match.); 1/16 MC 44, Spring Valley 18 (AJ Jackson, Jon Lawson Cope, Zylan Agnew, Ken Jaimeson, Dalton Woolstenulme, Jonathan Daimon Hicks, Zach Hornby, and Noah Hodges won their match.); 1/18 MC 71, Newberry 0 (TC Shepard, Charles Stuck, AJ Jackson, Laban Bowers, Jon Lawson Cope, Zylan Agnew, Ken Jaimeson, Dalton Woolstenulme, Jonathan Daimon Hicks, Zach Hornsby, Tevan Timmons, and Noah Hodges won their match.)
 - Rebels **Ladies Tennis**: The Lady Rebels Tennis team was crowned the 3A, Region 4 champions, after completing an undefeated season. Several ladies were honored with post season individual awards, including Region Player of the Year Reagan Peel and All Region Players Ady Ashmore, Katelynn Buzhardt, and Riley Peel. Reagan and Ady also represented MCMS at the SC State Singles Tournament in Florence, SC, and competed against the best players in the state.

- **Booster Club Shout Out:** Special Thanks to Gwen Davenport for her service as Booster Club President. She has done an outstanding job in a very difficult time in our school's athletic history. Chris Graham will be the incoming President.
- **Spring Sports Underway - Spring Sport Tryout Dates Starting Feb 1**
 - Track 3:30 @ Track – Coach Harris: jharris@newberry.k12.sc.us; Girls Soccer 4:00 @ recess field of MCMS - Coach Mauldin: mmauldin@newberry.k12.sc.us; Girls Lacrosse 3:45 - 5:00 @ band field behind MCHS - Coach Bass: jbass@newberry.k12.sc.us; Softball 7th and 8th graders 3:30 - 5:00 @ softball field behind MCMS - Coach Joey Long: joeylong@newberry.k12.sc.us; Boys Tennis 3:30 - 5:00 @ tennis courts MCHS - Coach Les Arkin: carkin@newberry.k12.sc.us; Boys Soccer Feb 3rd and 4th starting at 3:45 @ the football stadium – Coach Barry McManus: b19mcmanus@gmail.com; Middle School Baseball tryouts will be held at Lindy Richardson stadium Friday, February 5th, 3:45 p.m. and Saturday, February 6th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Open to all 7th – 8th graders. Please contact the correct coach via the high school for any questions.
- ❖ **Academic Challenge – Dr. Lorraine Kibler, Academic Challenge Sponsor:**
 - Three mini bowls. Played nine rounds and have won seven of the nine. Had a very close one with Greenwood High. They are double our numbers but we won by two points last week.
 - We have a really great team. Really doing well and having fun.
 - Last meet/mini bowl is this coming Thursday against Laurens, Ninety-Six, and Dixie. Lost to Laurens last time but it was very close so we are hoping to win this time.
 - Monday is the Regional Meet. It is a single elimination and we start against Greenwood High. We are considered a large school so we play against Laurens, Greenwood High, and Clinton.
- ❖ **Band Update – Janet Davenport, Band Booster Club Vice President:**
 - Band is in a stall right now. We were not able to have a competitive season this past Fall. We were not able to do a Christmas Concert. All band students were scheduled for concert band in the Fall which means there is not band class this semester. To prepare for our Concert Festival later in the Spring we are going to have to do after school rehearsals. We have a plan and we are excited to get the kids back together. January is when kids audition for Region Band and to see if they make the cut for All-State. Students could not audition in person this year so the Band Directors Association had an app built so they did virtual auditions. Those auditions were just submitted last week so they have not been judged yet. Hopefully we will receive a list in February of who made Region and who made the cut for All-State. Looking forward to the Fall. Planning to start recruiting hard, getting numbers built back up, and seeing where Fall takes us.
- ❖ **Assistant Principal, Mrs. Tiffani Lyles**
 - Shout out to Nurse Janet Davenport and how hard she works. She is doing an absolute fantastic job. In addition to all of her other work has partnered with Mrs. Lyles with testing to try and get the excluded students tested for EOC. Mr. Reid has pretty much been in every single classroom overseeing the set-up and installation of the plexiglass to make sure that this place is safe whether it is hybrid or four days face to face. He has given countless hours.
- ❖ **Chorus – Sarah Bridges, Chorus Teacher:**
 - Chorus had virtual choir All-State auditions and one student made it. Normally they take about 500 students but they took 250 this year so the numbers were cut in half. They are still having an All-State event in May. It is a one-day event in Rock Hill. Isabella Perez qualified for All-State Chorus this year and she is really excited that she will be able to go.
- ❖ **Nurse Update, Nurse Janet Davenport:**
 - We have a COVID reporting link on our website and our Facebook page. It helps the nurses by parents/guardians or students being able to report an exposure, positive case, or symptoms after hours or on the weekends when the nurse is not at the school. The link is all confidential. The nurse immediately gets an email notification that she needs to check the spreadsheet. It has been wonderful especially over the Christmas break. We were just going to use it over the winter break but because it works so well we are going to keep it in place. We have emailed all of our parents and students letting them know that the nurse needs to be the first contact versus contacting the teacher and then the teacher having to tell them to contact the nurse. The nurse will let the parent/guardian or student know the exclusion details/dates, she completes the contact tracing, and she notifies the guidance counselor, administration, attendance, and the students' teachers. Instead of multiple people being notified by the student or parent/guardian and details getting mixed up we are trying to streamline that information to the nurse to cut out the middle man and to keep things less confusing to help improve the process.
 - Shortened Quarantine Options – went into effect January 5th – Not everyone can use a shortened option.
 - If you are positive, you are positive and you are going to be excluded for 10 days.

- Close contact with no symptoms - 7-day option, you have to have a PCR test and it has to come back negative on day 5 and no symptoms since positive contact then you can return on day 8. If you don't want to be tested and you have been symptom free for 10 days, you can return on day 11.
- Household contact – the shortened option is for the household's quarantine. There is a difference between isolation and quarantine. When you are positive you isolate. If you are excluded and not positive then you quarantine. If someone in your household is positive that positive person will isolate for 10 days. The other members in the household will quarantine for those same 10 days as the positive household member. Starting day 11 the members of the household that have not yet tested positive will start their personal 14-day quarantine. That is when the shortened options come into effect. Household members would have to test negative and symptom free on day 5 to be able to return on day 8 or symptom free and sit out for 10 days if not tested. Symptom free means no runny nose, no headache, absolutely no symptoms. These shortened options are to get the students back in school. If they play a sport and return on a shortened option they still cannot participate in the sport until the full 14 days has been completed. They can attend practice and observe but they can't participate until the 15 day. We have had students that have been able to take advantage of the shortened options. We are having to keep more data to see if we can keep that shortened option in place.

- Next virtual meeting - Monday, February 22, at 5:00 p.m. A link for the meeting will be emailed to all members the week before our meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.