

**MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 25, 2021**

The Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council met virtually via Google Meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, with the following members present: Ray Cooper, Tiffani Lyles, Sissy Delesandro, Janet Davenport, Chris Graham, Jonathan Fowler, Peter Lewis, Josie Blanchard, Chauncey Hardrick, Jonathan Gantt, Julie Barnes, and Stuart Lake. The following items were distributed via email on Thursday, October 21: an agenda, March 2021 meeting minutes, 21-22 SIC Basics Handout, and MCHS School Renewal Plan (Strategic Plan).

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

*Items of business:*

- Public Forum
  - ❖ Jack Gantt - Glad about the enforcements in the restrooms. Noticed nothing bad since September.
- March 2021 Minutes – Minutes were approved.
- Positive Share
  - ❖ Band Update – Janet Davenport, Band Booster Club President: *(This item of business was moved to the beginning of the meeting due to Nurse Davenport having to leave the meeting early to prepare for the School Board Meeting.)*
    - The 2021-2022 Band Booster Board: Kelly Fowler, Past President; Janet Davenport, President; Valerie Haltiwanger, Vice President; Vickie Lindler, Treasurer; and Bethany Crooks, Secretary.
    - It's been a rocky season. Band Camp was shut down and then competition season was shutdown. The last band competition that we were able to participate in, before we were shutdown, we received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.
    - The low country has invited our band along with several other schools to perform at Summerville High School as part of an exhibition of schools who lost shows due to COVID. This event will take place on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - Fruit sale is coming up as our yearly fundraiser.
    - We are preparing for concert season and will hopefully have a Christmas Show.
- SIC Basics & Bylaws – This information was emailed to SIC members on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Additional information (21-22 SIC Basics Handout) was emailed to SIC members on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 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. Stuart Lake was nominated and elected to serve as chairperson.
- Overview of SIC – October
  - ❖ 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.
- 2020-2021 State Report Card Overview – The Schools Report Card can be found on the South Carolina Department of Education website [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).  
(MCHS Report Card Link: <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9SCZzaWQ9MzYwMTAwMg>)  
Due to COVID schools were given a wavier last year. This year we will start back receiving an actual rating.
  - ❖ Academic Achievement Indicator – End-of-course grades in Algebra I and English II and alternate assessments.
    - English – Scoring C or Higher: MCHS 73.2%; District 59.5%; State 63%
      - Performance Goal 3 – Percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on English EOC: 2020-2021 – 89.2%

- Performance Goal 4 – Percentage of students who score Level 3 or higher on English EOC: 2020-2021 73.2%
- Algebra – Scoring C or Higher: MCHS 57%; District 46.7%; State 46.8%
  - Performance Goal I – Percentage of students who score Level 2 or Higher on Algebra EOC: 2020-2021 - 80.3%
  - Performance Goal 2 – Percentage of students who score Level 3 or Higher on Algebra EOC: 2020-2021 – 57%
- ❖ Preparing for Success Indicator – End-of-course grades in Biology and alternate assessment and U.S. History and the Constitution.
  - Biology – Scoring C or Higher: MCHS 47.9%; District 37.1%; State 50.2%
    - Performance Goal 5 – Percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on Biology EOC: 2020-2021 – 67%
    - Performance Goal 6 – Percentage of students who score Level 3 or higher on Biology EOC: 2020-2021 43%
  - US History – Scoring C or Higher: MCHS 42.9%; District 29%; State 37.7%
    - Performance Goal 7 – Percentage of students who score Level 2 or Higher on US History EOC: 2020-2021 - 67%
    - Performance Goal 8 – Percentage of students who score Level 3 or Higher on US History EOC: 2020-2021 – 43%
- ❖ College & Career-Ready Indicator
  - 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.
  - 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
  - College and Career Readiness
    - Students in the graduation cohort who are college OR career ready 69.2%
    - Students in the graduation cohort who are college AND career ready 36.8%
    - Students in the graduation cohort who are college ready 43.8%
    - Students in the graduation cohort who are career ready 62.2%
- ❖ 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.
  - MCHS Students scoring 3 or above on 2021 AP Exams: US History – 43%; Lang & Comp – 75%; Stat & Data – 73%; Human Geo – 40%; Euro – 30%; Biology – 90%; Environmental Sci. – 30%.
- ❖ Middle College – This is the second 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. Last year we had 17 students enrolled. This year we have 18 students participating. This is a great opportunity and we hope that the participation will continue to grow.

- ❖ Dual Enrollment – These courses are offered through Piedmont Technical College and is designed for highly motivated juniors and seniors who choose to earn college credit while still enrolled in high school. We have 76 dual enrollment students at MCHS for the 2021-2022 fall semester taking a combined total of 234 dual enrollment courses. We have 71 MCHS students enrolled to take dual enrollment classes for the 2021-2022 spring semester that will be taking a combined total of 222 dual enrollment courses.
- ❖ Graduation Rate – Percentage of students who entered high school in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated in at least 4 years.
  - On-time Graduation Rate: MCHS 91%; District 85.9%; State 83.3%
- Positive Share
  - ❖ Athletic Update – Chris Graham, Athletic Booster Club President
    - The Athletic Booster met at the end of last school year. Athletic Booster Board: Gwen Davenport, Past President; Chris Graham, President; Craig Bowers, Vice-President; Vicki Amick, Secretary; Ludy Werts, Treasurer.
    - Fall athletics did really well. It really helped having the stadiums opened back up.
    - We are anticipating on basketball going well.
    - We are currently working on two big fundraisers for the spring.
  - ❖ Testing Update – Tiffani Lyles, Assistant Principal
    - Pre-ACT took place today and went extremely well. We are really excited for scores to come back.
- SIC Member, Sissy Delesandro, made a motion for the MCHS monthly SIC meeting time to be 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. All SIC members in attendance voted and the motion was approved.
- Next virtual meeting - Monday, November 15, 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 7 p.m.