

ADE School Improvement Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018

In attendance:

Suzanna Foley, Chris Gradwell, Shauntae Bines, Helen Simon, Latonia Washington, Amy Chua, Brittini Buitureira, and Kimberly Rauschenbach

1. The meeting started at 3:07 p.m. with a welcome from Mrs. Foley and an invitation to tonight's board meeting at 6:00 pm at Sumter High School.
2. The committee viewed February's minutes. There were no changes made.
3. Mrs. Rauschenbach's husband is collaborating with Continental Tire to discuss opportunities for partnership with ADE. Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Bines provided Mrs. Foley with suggestions such as mentorship, funding, etc.
4. Six elementary and two middle school are in the process of becoming STEM accredited. Dr. Hamm, our Superintendent, felt it was a good idea for the feeder elementary schools to be accredited in preparation for transitioning to an accredited middle school. As of today, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. DeLavan, and Mrs. Lynch have visited Carver, Delmar, and Royall Elementary in Florence, SC. Also, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Parrott, and Mrs. Washington visited Forest Lake Elementary in Columbia, SC. By the end of this school year, our school needs an advisory council comprised of teachers. All elementary school administrators seeking accreditation have requested an additional teacher to accommodate the changes. Mrs. Foley would like to add the extra teacher to the related arts rotation. She also would like to add a Robotics Club. Teachers will also be asked to incorporate STEM in their classroom instruction. These two initiatives will be gradually introduced in preparation for accreditation by spring 2021. Instead of AdvancED accreditation, we would be STEM accredited.
5. Mrs. Foley shared our Title I plan with the committee. She expressed a need to possibly decrease the allocation for technology supplies and site licenses. She then explained the drastic impact the reading interventionist have made on the reading levels of students being served. It's possible to receive the same amount of funding next year; therefore, Mrs. Foley would like to use more money for student supplies and professional development/stipends. Mrs. Chua expressed an interest in purchasing Reflex Math again. Mrs. Washington explained how some funding is used for parent workshops. There will be a test taking workshop on March 22nd at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Accounts beginning with "100" can no longer be used to purchase student incentives; therefore, Mrs. Foley would also like to add approximately \$3,000 to the Title I plan to compensate for this change.
6. The committee was asked to view the "Report to Parents" and notate any changes/corrections specific to our school. This report is made available to parents and provides information about our goals, student achievement, and awards/grants. Committee members were asked to return their brochure at the next meeting.
7. Adjourn
 - The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Media Center