

# HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL



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BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR 2023 RILEY AWARD

Hilton Head Island High School (HHI HS), one of six high schools in the 21,487 student Beaufort County School District (BCSD), is located on a 12-mile long by 5-mile-wide barrier island in the Lowcountry, southeastern most part of South Carolina. (HHI's permanent number of residents is 38,076, but population can swell to 400,000 during the height of tourist season with 2.5 million visitors per year. HHI's average age is 57.9 (census.gov). HHI HS opened 40 years ago (1983) and sits in the center of the Island's public-school cluster (early childhood center, two elementary, one middle and one high school) comprised of 4,000 students. HHI HS is a BCSD School of Choice-An International Baccalaureate World School offering the IB Middle Years (grades 9-10) and Diploma (grades 11-12) Programmes. As of the 45<sup>th</sup> day of the 2022-2023 school year, HHI HS serves a total of 1,350 students in grades 9-12. Current student demographics: Asian: 0.4% (6); Black: 11.0% (145); Hispanic: 46.4% (627), White: 39.0% (526); two or more races: 3.0% (44), American Indian: 0.1% (1); Pacific Islander 0.1% (2). [Note: HHI HS Hispanic Population Growth 2019-2020: 37.3%; 2017-2018: 34.4%; 2012-2013: 25.8%.] Students Receiving Free & Reduced Lunch: 52.5%; Receiving Free Lunch: 47.3%; Receiving Special Education Services: 8.3%; Receiving Academic Gifted & Talented Services 9.6%; Receiving Artistic Gifted & Talented Services 9.0%.

***“Re-Engagement”*** was HHI HS SIC's overall committed focus and theme for the 2021-2022 school year in establishing our priority Issues and Actions as a result of the continued educational challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud of our positive results as noted below. [SIC utilized HHI HS' Facebook page, website, Principal & PTSO email blasts, school's newspaper, BCSD Media-YouTube to highlight activities.]

**Issue (1) *“Re-Engagement”* of our students and supporting teachers to improve academic achievement of HHI HS students – after the tremendous learning loss that occurred from COVID-19 school closures and on-line virtual learning.**

**Actions Taken:** At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year our School Improvement Council (SIC), together with the principal, invited our Beaufort County School District's Chief Instructional Services Officer to attend our SIC Meeting (11/18/21) to listen and discuss our HHI HS achievement data and ideas for academic improvement. SIC's Agenda Topics for this joint discussion included: reviewing HHI HS test data and scores, evaluation of HHI HS' programs currently in place to improve scores, programs that have historically made a difference in test scores, other programs currently being offered by BCSD and new initiatives to support student achievement in the 2021-2022 year. Our meeting was attended by 31 individuals, i.e., HHI HS Principal, 3 APs, Guidance Counselors, Department Heads, several teachers, SIC members, parents, 3 Board of Education members. APs & teacher comments: *“COVID and schools going to virtual learning has impacted so many students. Many students have developed a “I'm failing, and I don't care attitude,” “Many of our HHI HS students are behaving “at 2 years behind – 9<sup>th</sup> graders are behaving like 7<sup>th</sup> graders... 11<sup>th</sup> graders are behaving like 9<sup>th</sup> graders”, “students were disconnected past 2 years,” students “phone addiction” is huge issue. Our students' Mental Health issues are huge!”*

**Results:** Excellent and very productive meeting. We are proud to relay attendees commented “This was the best and most productive SIC meeting ever!”. Attendees were excited to learn about the programs and opportunities able to be implement right away and this school year that will help our students/their children after the tremendous “learning loss from COVID restrictions.” For HHI HS 2021-2022: Additional \$33,000 for tutoring authorized and implemented; robust Math tutoring implemented; Additional tutoring money from District available to HHIHS; 5<sup>th</sup> Guidance Counselor approved for TY. HHI HS Guidance Counselors will now play a key role in getting much needed Mental Health Services started for our students. More support for current Hispanic Liaison (approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> liaison). Current “Independent Learning Time” – changed to “Structured Learning Time” (Students must be in classroom with teacher using this time to get help from teacher, study for exam, etc.). Principal committed for all teachers to: “build relationships with their students,” additional training for teachers, observation of all teachers, peer coaching of teachers and BCSD Mentoring Program implemented, building Teacher Mentors. “Adopt a Senior” Program (by all teachers) implemented. All school counselors now to become licensed and certified +113 hours of education necessary to become licensed. Students now have a “Graduation Contact”/Guidance Counselor. To re-engage students and school spirit-Principal together with SIC parents and SGA helped in holding multiple pep rallies and dances for all

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**Issue (1.) Results continued:** students. A second Hispanic liaison was approved for 2020-2021. Current part-time Career Development Facilitator (CDF) to be approved for full time; opportunity for funding for an Instructional Coach and Interventionist at HHI HS. SIC idea: Develop a Parent Tutorial/Handbook. Note: \*All HHI HS IB Diploma Candidates successfully passed all assessments/exams and all received an IB Diploma (1<sup>st</sup> time in HHI HS' history of program). \*\* 2021-2022 SC Report Card: HHI HS received "Good" Rating.

**Issue (2.) "Re-Engagement"- Oversight of 2019 Referendum Funding for Architectural Improvements for HHI HS** Specifically: all items listed on passed 2019 Referendum Funding for HHI HS - security and architectural improvements for declining 40-year HHI HS building. Note: The last successful Referendum for BCSD passed in 2008 – 11 years prior. Nov 2019 – extraordinary efforts took place by our SIC and BCSD parents to get a \$344 Million Bond Referendum passed. In the 2019-2020 school year the brand new HHI HS' Principal requested our SIC to "Oversee projects afforded to HHI HS via the Referendum Funding". Our SIC's "oversite" has been a continued SIC Goal for the past three years – specifically: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022. HHI HS is 40 years old. Critical need for entire new school/updated technology, security, bathrooms, cafeteria, classrooms, leaking roof, air conditioner, etc. 2019 Voter Approved Referendum Projects for HHI HS: Design work for future renovation to building: Safety & Security, Technology Infrastructure, Athletic Improvements (A total of 27 different items.).

**Actions Taken 2021-2022:** (1.) SIC held multiple meetings again throughout the year with our School District's Chief Operations Officer and other District officials to discuss architectural improvements and timeline for completion – to better understand delays and project changes. SIC again requested consideration of a new building on existing land in the HHI schools' complex vs remodel disruption of existing building while students are physically in school building. (2.) SIC hosted two meetings with HHI member of the independent Citizen Led Oversight Committee (CLOC) to discuss questions on progress and concerns for delays on our HHI HS projects.

**Results:** Through our SIC's commitment HHI HS finally received the attention needed that SIC and parents were concerned and disappointed that so many of the items on 2019 Referendum List of Approved Referendum items for HHI HS had not happened yet. COVID delays and supply shortages created issues. BCSD District Operations and construction officials finally realized we were/are "a polite but very active group that expected results" and "They heard us." Completion of projects on our HHI HS' list finally received attention and a number were finally completed – especially much needed security changes at front entrance, needed radios, needed cameras. \*Finally! The proposed architectural design for our aged 40-year high school two options were presented by Architect firm to SIC on May 19, 2022 (HHI HS remodel on existing site vs relocation on land close/total rebuild of school (which SIC requested be looked at for "option" less disruptive to our students and teachers). Biggest issue is the current 600 seat VPAC's walking distance from new proposed site. BOE Member for HHI attended meeting and commented: "We should see all items on the 2019 Referendum Marketing List stated on the BCSD website for HHI HS will get done." BCSD Operations Manager volunteered to attend every HHI HS SIC Meeting in 2022-2023 to update our SIC members, parents, and teachers. \*\*SIC actually videotaped the Architectural Firm's presentation to share with other HHI HS parents and teachers which \*resulted in BCSD Ops posting design plans online for parents/teachers/others to review and comment.

**Issue (3.) "Re-Engagement" of our Hilton Head Island community to Increase Community Awareness of HHI HS** Actions Taken: (A.) SIC facilitated and hosted a CAREER DAY with 59 speakers from our community who spoke to our students about their respective careers and occupations. SIC members made the phone calls and contacted local members of our community to obtain all the speakers. Career Day held: April 5, 2022 [Check-In: 8:15am-8:40/Session1:8:50-9:20 Session 2: 9:30-10:00.] SIC via Zoom was even able to have HHI HS alumni now marine biologist/scientist/Pres of nonprofit based in WPB, FL speak to students. Sample of Speakers: Cardiac Surgeon, Perfusionist, Firefighter, Welder, News Anchor, Plumber, Nurse, Pharmacist, Electrician, Mechanic, Retail Store Owner, Chef, Financial Planner, Policeman, Teacher & Coach, Lawyer, Vet Tech... **ALL 1,345\* students participated** (\*4/22 enrollment). Every student starting with 12<sup>th</sup> graders, then 11<sup>th</sup>, then 10<sup>th</sup>, then 9<sup>th</sup> was given the list of job titles/careers of speakers and selected two

**Issue (3.) Actions Taken continued:** different speakers/careers to listen to according to their areas of interest. Each of the two sessions was 30 minutes. Our part time Career Development Facilitator (CDF) assisted SIC with students' selection process (and adhering to 25-26 max students per classroom /speaker). Guidance Counselors helped SIC members check in speakers. SIC provided gift bags with HHI HS decals, pen and bottled water to all speakers. HHI HS Navy ROTC Cadets escorted each speaker to their assigned classroom. [On a "fun" note – this event was also known as "Power Hour." ]

**Results:** Outstanding-enjoyed by both students and Community speakers, fun for our students! This event also had a positive effect on our goal to help our students become "Career and College Ready" - part of the traits of the "SC High School Graduate." Students feedback: loved the event! As proof of our students' enthusiasm students would like to hear from even more of the presenters and learn about possible careers, they knew nothing about. Teachers (remained in classrooms with guest speakers) all commented that their students were engaged and extremely interested. Our BCSD Media filmed parts of the event and included students' interviews/reviews. BCSD posted the video on YouTube and the BCSD website. SIC members also met with HHI Town Council to identify local jobs and essential worker positions that could be filled by our graduates who will not be leaving the HHI area for college. These local jobs were showcased at our Career Day event. **(B.) Continue to support the HHI HS Newspaper "Seahawk Times"** produced by students and teachers, distributed digitally, available on the HHI HS web site and in print mailed to all residents of Hilton Head Island. **(Note: \*SIC in 2020-2021 facilitated the start of a Journalism class-school newspaper and Morning News production.)** SIC contacts were able to get the *Hilton Head Sun Newspaper* to insert our students' written newspaper into their edition quarterly which is mailed to 30,000+ Hilton Head residents! Feb. 2021 Newspaper Class added a YouTube channel *Seahawk News Network*. HHI HS School Newspaper did a full-page article about our SIC's Career Day which included pictures. The article was distributed digitally and in print in the *Hilton Head Sun* mailed to all Hilton Head Island residents. The article served multiple purposes-including publicity for the local speakers/business who took time to present. 2021-2022: 48 students including 16 multilingual learners took Journalism class. Class led to a new Honor Society (Quill & Scroll) at HHI HS.

**Issue (4.) "Re-Engagement" of HHI HS Parents - Increase Parental Involvement**

**Actions Taken: (A.) Hosted Parent Workshop** To support parents, November 18, 2021, the SIC facilitated and hosted prior to a SIC Meeting, a Parent Workshop on college scholarships, admissions, and procedures for completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application that engaged parents in managing financial planning for college. **Results:** 31 parents and students attended. The Workshop continues to be a popular and well attended event. Conducting the workshop before a SIC Meeting allows interested parents to also attend the SIC Meeting.

**(B.) Creation of "Handbook for Hilton Head Island High School Parents" - i.e., "Survival Book of Knowledge"** for both new and current parents/guardians and all parents touring HHI HS. **Actions Taken:** [Aug 2021: #380 brand new 9th students entered HHI HS (350 from HHI Middle +19 HHI Catholic school +11 new to HHI area)] SIC members solicited /collected suggestions, wants, ideas = "help needed" from many current parents and brand-new to HHI HS parents regarding useful information/topics they would like help with/a better understanding of to be included in a Parent Handbook. **Results:** 13-page handbook completed, parents appreciate and like. Our "Parent Tutorial": *HHI HS Handbook for Parents* provides practical and useful info and contains a list of 74 acronyms used by both Beaufort County School District (BCSD) (Currently No list exists in BCSD) and our High School. (These acronyms are "common abbreviations"/common knowledge to educators & school personnel BUT not parents.) The Handbook's 13 pages contains/highlights specific info and serves as clear quick reference that also refers parents back to the proper HHI HS school individual or school/district website. **Specific Info Areas-Titles in HHI HS Parent Handbook:** Acronyms, Communication, Basic Academic Info, SC Graduation requirements, Graduation Honors-Goals for all HHI HS Students, Clubs, Parental Involvement Opportunities, Discipline, Athletics (sports/try out times). Note: Our *HHI HS Parent Handbook* is in Google Docs which allows SIC to update contents as necessary (at minimum annually) and add to it/translate into Spanish.



Mike Quigley, SIC Chair 2022-2023 Hilton Head Island High School



# Hilton Head Island High School

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November 30, 2022

SC-SIC *Riley Award*  
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Dear SC-SIC Awards Committee:

As the Principal of Hilton Head Island High School, it is with great pride I recommend the Hilton Head Island High School SIC for the 2023 Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence. Their dedicated and determined efforts together with their leadership and support have been instrumental in re-engaging our students post-pandemic and obtaining the resources to enhance student, staff, and community members experiences at HHIHS.

The role of Principal in a High School setting has challenging opportunities that are magnified in a community like ours where the number of retired citizens greatly outnumbers the number of actively working parents/guardians. Demographics at Hilton Head Island High School have changed significantly in the last ten years. Meeting the needs of all our students has created challenges to staff and the need for more resources to meet those challenges. Our school building has also reached the point in time that it needs to be updated to meet the safety, educational, and technology levels of a modern 21<sup>st</sup> century educational institution. As the principal of the school, it can be challenging to be an instructional leader of a school while also trying to work with district leadership, building contractors, and community leaders to upgrade our school facilities. Our SIC has been instrumental in working with me to improve instruction at HHIHS and advocated on behalf of our staff and students to obtain the improvements needed to make our school a safer and productive learning environment.

\*SIC's focus on improving student achievement: SIC together with myself invited the BCSD Chief Instructional Officer to a SIC meeting at the beginning of the school year to review HHIHS achievement data and ideas for academic improvement resulted in \$33,000 in additional tutoring funds. The need for additional positions such as an Instructional Coach, Interventionalist, and change from current part time Career Development Facilitator to full time was thoroughly discussed. As a result of SIC's efforts with parent feedback a second Hispanic Liaison and a 5<sup>th</sup> Guidance Counselor were approved for 2021-2022. SIC members also helped by supporting pep rallies and dances for all students which re-engaged students and increased school spirit.

\*SIC facilitated and hosted a Career Day with approximately 60 community members (who SIC members personally contacted) who spoke to our students about their respective careers and occupations. ALL 1,345 students participated and were allowed to select two different speakers' jobs/careers to listen to. Each session was 30 minutes. Students loved this event! This event had a positive effect to help students become "Career and College Ready."

\*SIC oversaw HHIHS' approved Referendum Projects and met frequently with the BCSD Operations staff to understand funding, construction delays, and project changes which resulted in BCSD presenting two designs for a new HHIHS school.

\*SIC by facilitated a Parent Workshop prior to an SIC meeting on college scholarships, admission and FASFA application procedures which engaged parents in managing financial planning for college.

\*SIC worked to create a Parent Handbook they coined "Survival Book of Knowledge" for both current, new, and touring parents which includes helpful info and navigation tools for resources available at HHIHS. (Formatted to allow updates.)

Sincerely,

Steve Schidrich -Principal - Hilton Head Island High School



November 29, 2022

Dear SC-SIC Awards Committee:

I enthusiastically endorse the Hilton Head Island High School (HHIHS) School Improvement Council's (SIC) application for the 2023 SIC Riley Award. The high school's SIC is a consequential partner in the school's overall accomplishments during the challenging educational times of recent years. Recognizing the difficulties faced by schools across the country, the school's SIC set out to identify needs, establish support systems for educational initiatives, ensure that the learning environment was enhanced, increase community awareness, and increase parental engagement with a laser like focus to support their school.

1. The HHIHS SIC sought to understand the impact that the pandemic had on the students within their school. By taking this proactive approach alongside the school principal and staff they invited the Beaufort County School Districts (BCSD) Chief Instructional Services Officer to a SIC meeting to discuss the specific impact the pandemic had on the high school students. Through this collaborative discussion they reviewed HHIHS test results, evaluation of current initiatives at the school to support student achievement, and mental health challenges that our students were facing. This collaborative meeting saw 31 individuals in attendance who could speak from their unique perspectives as administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, department heads, board of education members, and parents about the challenges that students were up against. Parents learned about various programs and initiatives the district and school had in place to propel the students forward in their learning.
2. The HHIHS SIC supported and rallied the community for the 2019 bond referendum approved by the voters with a 70% approval rating was the highest in school district history at \$344 million dollars and the first in over 11 years. The SIC made sure that the school received all the enhancements that were critically needed. Their oversight of the projects and requests for additional information to include timelines and multiple meetings with the district's Chief Operating Officer ensured that their voice in support of students and their learning environment was heard. Architectural drawings for the aged 40-year high school were presented to the SIC and their input requesting the least disruptive building plan was heard.
3. The SIC increased community awareness by hosting a Career Day with 59 speakers from the community who spoke to the students about their respective careers. It was the SIC who led this initiative by contacting and engaging with the local community members and requesting their participation. The event was a monumental success involving all 1,340 students at the school. Additionally, the SIC increased community awareness of the HS by connecting the schools Newspaper the "Seahawk Times" with the local Hilton Head Sun Newspaper and arranging to have the school newspaper inserted into their edition quarterly.
4. The HHIHS SIC works hard to increase parental involvement by hosting parent workshops prior to the SIC meetings. These sessions support parents in learning about how to help their student thrive. Additionally, they developed a Parent Handbook consisting of acronyms used in educational circles, basic academic information, clubs, parental involvement opportunities, and athletics to assist parents in navigating the HS years.

The HHIHS SIC is a critically important part of the success of the school. They are deserving of the 2023 Riley Award for their well-designed meaningful goals and strategic initiatives to assist the students in reaching their highest potential and school in their journey of success.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Rodriguez, Ph.D.  
Superintendent  
Beaufort County School District



## BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 28, 2022

Dear SC-SIC Awards Committee:

I am delighted to write this letter to support the Hilton Head Island High School SIC in their application for the Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence. As a retired public-school educator/administrator and current BCSD School Board Trustee I can enthusiastically and confidently proclaim that the Hilton Head Island High School SIC is a council of excellence! As a School Board Trustee, I have attended numerous SIC meetings and I can honestly share that the HHIHS SIC is an exceptional group focused on improving educational opportunities for all students. I have witnessed this SIC collaborate with school officials, ask tough questions, roll up their sleeves and work tirelessly to provide additional support and programming for their community.

During the 2021/2022 school year HHIHS SIC addressed student achievement and learning loss, concerns regarding referendum funding, community, and parent involvement. Their accomplishments include the following:

With a focus on student achievement, the SIC met with BCSD Senior Staff to review data and to discuss strategies to improve achievement. Robust discussions resulted in securing additional funding for after school tutoring, securing a full time Career Development Facilitator and restructuring Structured Learning Time resulting in greater student accountability.

Asking the tough questions, the HHIHS SIC met frequently with BCSD Operations staff overseeing referendum projects to better understand construction delays and project changes. The SIC continually advocated for fidelity to commitments and forged a positive working relationship with staff.

To increase community engagement and expand student awareness of a variety of careers the SIC hosted a career day with approximately 60 community members. The SIC solicited speakers to meet with students, developed speaker schedules and programs. Truly a win-win for both the community and students.

Getting the parents of high school students involved with the school and the SIC is often a difficult task. Appealing to the desire for information regarding the college admission process HHIHS SIC sponsored a successful Parent Workshop on college scholarships, admission and FAFSA immediately prior to a regularly scheduled SIC meeting, inviting parents to stay to attend the SIC meeting.

Recognizing the need, the SIC created a handbook for Hilton Head Island High School Parents. Topics such as Communication, Basic Academic Info, Parental Involvement Opportunities, and a list of 88 Acronyms are included in the 13-page document. Most importantly the handbook contains specific information that refers parents back to proper school individual or school/district website.

In sum, the HHIHS SIC is an effective working body. They assess, plan, implement and reassess to ensure that they are supporting the student body. The HHIHS SIC is truly deserving of the Dick and Tunky Riley Award.

Sincerely  
  
Cathy Robine

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**HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE  
June 28, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED Meeting**



**6/25/21: SIC Chair (2021-2022) Jenifer Fielding called a “Special SIC Meeting for June 28, 2021 for the reason stated below:**

From: Jenifer Fielding <jfielding@sc.rr.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM

**Subject: SIC Parents needed Monday 4 PM – JUNE 28, 2021**

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Appropriate use (timeliness included) of the Nov. 2019 Referendum funds that were approved by voters from Hilton Head is an area of focus for the SIC. It has been brought to my attention that one of the main projects approved, turf on our football field, has been delayed.

Please note that Beaufort and Whale Branch High Schools have already had their fields installed. This delay in our field installation has a major impact on our football team and Booster Club. The loss of home game revenue will impact all sports at our high school. All but the final 3 games were scheduled away to accommodate the project. This can not be changed. Now, due to a series of unclear events, the field project will not start this summer as promised.

**There is a meeting on Monday afternoon at 4PM in the media center with officials from the District Office** and we are encouraging SIC members, football team families and others to attend. Please forward this notice to anyone else who may be interested.

Thank you,

Jenifer Fielding  
Hilton Head High School SIC Chair 2021-2022

**Minutes-notes from June 28, 2021, Meeting**

**Meeting began at 4:05 pm**

**In Attendance:**

**At HHIHS’ request From Beaufort County School District Office:** Robert Oetting, PE (Professional Engineer) Director in Charge of Facilities and Tim Summers (HHI Area Construction Project Manager)

**From HHI HS:**

Steven Schidrich, Jen Fielding, Joe Monmonier (Athletic Director), BJ Payne (Head Football Coach), BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Amber Clark, Jeanine Clark, Audrey Clayton, Jan Davis-Vater, Buck Edwards, Marisa Wagner, Sarah Beachkofsky and other parents

**Points of Discussion**

(1.) Day after HHI HS Graduation (6/18/21) – astro turf construction on football field was to start. Evening of actual graduation (6/17/21) – Head football coach was informed by BCSD Maintenance Dept. that Astro-turf construction project was delayed/to be postponed. WHY?

**Note:** Many hours/months already spent to reschedule “away” a number of HHI HS football games to accommodate construction schedule. Incurred cost to transport players to all away games, loss of \$\$ revenues; HHI HS ticket revenue, concessions sales \$\$, plus expenses for parents and fans to drive to additional “away games.”



**Points of Discussion (continued)**

(2.) What happened? Why did BCSD Custodial/Maintenance guy inform Joe Momonier & Coach Payne “relay the delay of Astro turf construction”? No official from BCSD informed HHIHS Principal, Athletic Director or Head Coach about this delay. Why?

**\*Oetting & Summers BCSD response:** “We got stopped by the State of SC”. Even though Nov-Dec 2020 Whale Branch High & Beaufort High were able to get their Astro-turf fields installed. – “using a “Maintenance Project” approach.

\*SIC Chair Jen Fielding: “Town of HHI said there was No formal approval made for the HHI HS Field.”

\*If interpreted as a Maintenance Project there is No Permit Process

\*BCSD reply: Jan-Feb 2021: Architect defined scop, get consultants & get price March 2021 – Architect came back with proposal and stated BCSD needs a Civil Engineer to get permit

\*Six-month process to get proper permit.

\*IF BCSD knew about this delay and would have informed HHI HS – HHI HS could have and would have rescheduled our football games.

\*HHI HS parents asked: Who was BCSD using as an engineering Group?

\*BCSD Answer: Ward Edwards Engineering Group in Bluffton

\*HHI HS parents: “They failed us – you are telling us that Engineering Firm did not know that Special Permits were required by the State of SC??? There are 7 Storm Water Designated Counties in SC – and Beaufort is one of those seven.”

\*Joe Monmonier & Coach Payne: Why wasn’t HHIHS given a “head up” in March or April about the delay/need for SC State Permit?? Other schools wanted to come to HHIHS to play us vs us having to schedule to go to them since we could not play on our own home field under construction.

\*Why are we having to now go to SC DHEC to get a permit??

\* BCSD Oetting said “He would not touch the field at this point (June 28, 2021). Town of Bluffton Bill Baugher (town’s Storm Water Manager) went to DHEC to find out what permit needed.

\*Coach Payne- “So May River High will now be allowed to get their Astro turf 6 months to 1 year ahead of schedule? And HHI HS has no permit now?”

\*We researched/leaned: HHI Jeff Buckalew is HHI Storm Water Manager.

\*We asked Oetting: “Who at DHEC is our application permit being sent to?”

\*Oetting/Summers to provide that info to Principal Steve Schidrich.

\*We informed Oetting and Summers:

\*\*A number of SIC members have personal relationships with HHI Town Council members and our SC State Rep. from HHI and we will and can ask their help.

\*We also learned that HHI HS Track is to be resurfaced every 10 years. Other BCSD High school have has this done. HHI HS’ track has not had this done.

\*BCSD- since heavy equipment going to be used to insert astro-turf our track should also be resurfaced.

\*SIC Chair Jen Fielding asked Oetting – if some monetary \$\$ adjustment could be made directly to HHI HS due to lost revenue, Local businesses sponsorship \$\$, etc. incurred expense to travel for away games, for students and parents of players, etc.

\*Oetting – to look into this.

\*Info from SC DHEC- it is taking 40 to 70 days to receive permits from the State.

OTHER HHI HS PLANNED THIS SUMMER ARCHITECTURE IMPROVEMENTS:  
UPDATE: Tim Summers (HHI Area Construction Project Manager)

\*Field House Drawing has been designed.

\*Front entrance security improvements – takes 3 weeks. 6/28/21: still under Architectural Review

\*Design of HI HS school renovations OR new location on campus starts Spring 2022

\*Coach Payne comments: We have 8 weeks to get new field installed. Having problem with filed lights, too.

October 8, 2021 – is our FIRST scheduled home football game

\*BOE Mbr. Ingrid Boatright & SIC Members politely reminded Oetting and Summers that HHI residents and parents have high expectations --- and occurring issues and delays such as the above Astro turf will be detrimental when we are trying to get another Referendum passed in 2023.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 5:30 pm.

\*Minutes/notes recorded and  
Respectfully submitted by:

*Jan Davis-Vater*

*HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2020-2021*



**HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
September 16, 2021**



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**Meeting called to order at: 1:04 pm.**

**In Attendance:** Steven Schidrich, Jen Fielding, Selby Basciano, BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Jennifer Boretti, Jeanine Clark, Jan Davis-Vater, Buck Edwards, Shawna Fisher, Andrea Grant Guess, Kristen Hamilton, Kristen Keller, Mike Quigley, BOE Member-Cathy Robine, Jackie Rosswurm, Marisa Wagner, Josh Wall, Dawn Washington, George Westerfield

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 20, 2021, SIC meeting were approved and accepted. Motion made by Kristen Keller, seconded by Buck Edwards. Unanimously approved.

Minutes from the "Special Called" SIC meeting of June 28, 2021, were approved and accepted. Motion made by Marissa Wagner, seconded by Shelby Basciano. Unanimously approved.

**Note:** SIC Chair Jen gave a brief update since our 6/28/21 "Special Called SIC Meeting."

- (1.) Turf Football field: October 2 is goal to be finished. Our first home game October 8.
- (2.) "Security Enhancement" to HHI HS' front entrance delayed due to materials needed lag time. Date now to be done is over Christmas Break.
- (3.) May be 8-10 years out for a newly built HHI High School- Passage of another referendum will be needed.
- (4.) **Note:** "**CLOC**" **Committee** = **C**itizens **L**ed **O**versite **C**ommittee [monitors all building projects funded by the Bond Referendum approved by Beaufort County Voters in November 2019. (Concept of committee established by BCSD Superintendent Frank Rodriguez.) **Note:** Our HHI CLOC Rep. David Ames recently resigned due to time issue also being on HHI Town Council. HHI Carlton Dallas also on CLOC. Our HHI Projects approved in 2019 referendum have been delayed.

**PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT:** PTSO President Kelly Ruckno

Chair Jen Fielding gave PTSO Report since new PTSO President Kelly Ruckno unable to attend.

- (1.) PTSO Annual Discount Cards available-\$10 each-Discounts at more than 55 HHI businesses.
- (2.) PTSO will help students \$ with the following: Homecoming decorations in HHIHS halls, (October 15 homecoming football game), paint for Seniors to paint their own reserved parking space.
- (3.) Recent past PTSO President Audrey Clayton (elected 5/21 to SIC as Parent Rep) will continue to serve as Seahawk Support Circle Chair.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Steve Schidrich

9/16/21: HHI HS Number of Students: 1,360

9/16/21: HHIHS Student Demographics: 45% Hispanic, 43% White, 11% Black, 1% Asian, 1% Other

**2020-2021 SC School Report Card Data** – presented SC End of Course passage results for:

Algebra I, Biology, English 2, U.S. History. Chart distributed contained percent passage results for each of the 6 high schools in Beaufort County in above listed subjects, overall Beaufort County School District (BCSD) passage rates and entire state of SC passage rates.

\*HHI HS Admin this summer identified the students who need help to perform better on SC Exams.

\*Tutoring dollars are available & will be utilized.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (continued): Steve Schidrich

\*Structured Learning Time = "SLT" is now scheduled for all HHI HS students. No more "ILT" = Independent Learning Time as in previous year(s).

Access Test – given to English Language Learners – to determine how ESOL students are doing. ESOL students tested on reading, listening, writing, and speaking the English language.

**2020-2021 Graduation Rate** = 89.4%

**Staffing Update:** 4 staff openings PE, Spanish, 2 Special Ed. Assists, 0.5 ESOL

**South Carolina School Report Cards** – are being "put off"/delayed for another year due to COVID Pandemic so there will be no 2020-2021 SC School Report Card for each SC public school. BCSD and HHI HS Admin still monitoring and watching our academic goals.

**SIC REPORT:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

**SIC Goals for 2021-2022**

(1.) Oversee Referendum Funding for HHI HS Architectural Improvements

(2.) Increase Community Awareness of HHI HS

(3.) Increase Parent Involvement – SIC unanimously voted to develop a much needed "*Handbook for New HHI HS Parents*". This will be a major project for our SIC this school year. Goal to have both a hardcopy and a digital version. George Westerfield recommended that his longtime volunteer Group "School Grounds Beautification Volunteers" be included and be publicized now for helpers. Many Master Gardeners volunteer at HHIHS but only one parent. More help is needed now. Suggestion was made to include in the Weekly PTSO Newsletter blast a request for Parent Volunteers to contact George. PTSO VP in attendance Marisa Wagner will make sure this happens.

**SIC's Parent Workshops** – discussed. SIC has held these workshops over past years but COVID restrictions inhibited us. \*Recommendation was made and all agreed for SIC to keep our most popular annual *FASFA Workshop* presented by Todd Rhine (past SIC Chair).

**SIC sponsored Annual Career Day** for our students – past 2 years unable to be held due to postponed due to COVID restrictions and mandated parameters. Must wait to determine if SIC can conduct this school year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** SIC Chair Jen Fielding

(1.) Election of SIC Vice Chair and Secretary for 2021-2022 (one-year term)

Nominations from the floor were accepted. Nominated and unanimously elected for a one-year term were: Vice Chair: Audrey Clayton, Secretary: Jan Davis-Vater

(2.) Parent Communication – several issues brought up and discussed. Problems/lag time for new parents getting info and emails. Late Sign Up for PSAT was reported.

(3.) Tablet Replacement Costs – Repeat complaint - BCSD charge cost \$600 for students vs Best Buy so much cheaper. \*\*BCSD BOE member in attendance, Ingrid Boatright will follow up on these parent concerns as she is on the Board of Ed (BOE) Tech Committee.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 2:20 pm.

**Next scheduled SIC Meeting:** Third Thursday - October 21, 2021 @ 5:00 pm.

**2021-2022 SIC Meeting Schedule:** 9/16@1pm, 10/21@5pm, 11/18@6pm, 12/16@6pm, 1/20/22@6pm, 2/17@6pm, 3/17@1pm, 4/21@6pm, 5/19@6pm

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Respectfully submitted by:

Jan Davis-Vater  
HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2021-2022



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**Meeting called to order at:** 4:59 pm.

**In Attendance:** Steven Schidrich, Jen Fielding, Selby Basciano, BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Jennifer Boretti, Jeanine Clark, Carole Korner, Buck Edwards, Shawna Fisher, Andrea Grant Guess, Kristen Hamilton, Kristen Keller, Bill Payne, BOE Member-Cathy Robine, LJ Bush, Audrey Clayton, Josh Wall, Dawn Washington, Abby Wirth, Caroline Summa, Kelly Ruckno

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the September 16, 2021 SIC meeting were not approved. A change needs to be made under the Principal's Report – Access Test – delete "to determine how ESOL students are doing" – and put in "to determine a measurement of proficiency". Will motion to approve at the next meeting.

**PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT:** PTSO President Kelly Ruckno

The Seahawk Store is now open Monday thru Thursday – it is the biggest fundraiser the PTSO has. The PTSO supported the Teens for Healthy Youth Club with \$500.00 to use for the Staff Self Bingo – a morale builder game. The PTSO is supporting the Memory Arts Project with Mrs. Dobbelaere – where children from different countries send photos to us for our students create portraits from them to return. They are supporting the CATE students with T-shirts that say Staff to help them stand out when they are doing things. Pizza is still provided every third Friday to the staff at the school as well as lunch on the day of teacher conferences.

The Seahawk Support Circle will be doing holiday bags again – sixty five or possibly less. They are reapplying to the Bargain Box for a grant and will know by December if approved. They are partnering with two churches – All Saints for help with the bikes and backpack program and St. Francis for an Angel Tree.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Steve Schidrich

An update was touched upon on the new Field House. They will be reviewing a plan later this week. The issue that comes into play is to where to place it. If we are renovating our present building it would be placed in one area but if we are building a new school it would be better placed somewhere else. Discussion was if a new building was built where it would be located (using the swamp area, lacrosse and softball fields). There is a parcel of land as well and the question was raised if funds could be privately raised, purchase the lot and then turn it over to the district for building. There is currently three million set for redesigning / renovating the existing building. There is currently a delay in the building materials needed for projects to be done now so it hard to even think of timelines for building. One point was made to build for future expectations of students instead of outgrowing a building after a few years as it has been done in Beaufort County before. Current numbers are about 1400.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (continued): Steve Schidrich

MAP scores were reviewed. This Report Card data measures the growth of our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students and how they are doing. The State mandates that all 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students – new and repeat ones are given the MAP test. The test was taken the first week of September. We then get the results for Fall 2021, Winter 2022 and Spring 2022. Results were shown to us – in Math the mean score was 224.2 for Hilton Head Island High School. We scored lower than the district number of 225.0 and the NWEA Norm of 226.4. In Reading our mean score was 216.1, the district was 216.8 and the NWEA was 218.9. This will show us where we must focus on for improvement. We were told that English1 Reading Plus Program is being rolled out soon.

GAP Mean Scores were reviewed. The data received from this shows students failings and where we need to work on narrowing the gaps. We were shown some breakdowns and where the staff can zero in on helping the students in need of assistance. The breakdowns consist of African American, Hispanic, White and All Students.

African American	212.9	difference of -11.3
Hispanic	217.2	difference of -7
White	237.8	difference of 13.6
All Students	224.2	

Questions were raised as to why we have the shortfalls / discrepancies in the gaps; why with African American numbers so big and the Hispanic not as big. What is being done about it? The test identifies who needs help. Being added to after school tutoring being provided there is also tutoring during the school day being provided to students needing remediation by teachers during their planning period. It is free for students and the teachers are paid for their time spent doing this.

Suggestions that were made were:

The use of trusted places such as churches and community centers to meet with parents to tell them about the students needing help. This would benefit all – parents that might not feel comfortable coming into the school and show that they have full community support.

All school principals on this side of the bridge need to get together and address this situation. The gap does not just appear in the high school years. It is the responsibility of all the Elementary, Middle School and High School Principals to tackle this.

We were told that the District is doing Parent Connections to reach out and provide some support and to discuss different topics with parents virtually. It will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> for elementary grades and October 27<sup>th</sup> for secondary students. Also on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Boys and Girls Club will have students already being served by the Club hosting outreach support to help students in studies and athletics.

**SIC REPORT:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

As time was coming to a close for our meeting and Jen led some question and answers during the meeting we went on to new business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** SIC Chair Jen Fielding

It was brought to our attention that in the North South Game held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, Jaylen Snead was chosen to participate in it. He is one of eighty eight students chosen from the state in this Palmetto Electric sponsored event.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 6:14 pm.

**Next scheduled SIC Meeting: Third Thursday – November 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

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1/20/22@6pm, 2/17@6pm, 3/17@1pm, 4/21@6pm, 5/19@6pm

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Respectfully submitted by:

*Carole Lee Korner in the absence of Jan Davis-Vater*

*Jan Davis-Vater  
HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2021-2022*



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**NOTATION:** Immediately before the SIC Meeting, the HHI HS SIC sponsored a free hour-long **Parents/Guardians Workshop** on *College Financial Planning / FASFA* [FAFSA= Free Application for Federal Student Aid form completed by prospective college students in US to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.] Todd Rhine (one of our previous SIC Chairs) conducted the annual informative presentation which was very well attended and was held in the Media Center.

**SIC Meeting called to order at: 6:35 pm.**

**In Attendance:** \*\*31 attendees – including 3 Hilton Head Island Beaufort County School District (BCSD) Board of Education members and BCSD Chief Instructional Services Officer-Dr. M Stratos, Steve Schidrich, Jen Fielding, Selby Basciano,\*BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, LJ Bush,\*BOE Member-Mel Campbell, Jeanine Clark, Audrey Clayton, Monique Dobbelaere, Marvin Cohen, Jan Davis-Vater, Carole Korner, Buck Edwards, Andrea Grant Guess, Kristen Hamilton, AP Kristen (Karzes) Austin, Kristen Keller, AP Mike Lorenz, Bill Payne,\*BOE Member-Cathy Robine, Tina Rohr, Jackie Rosswurm, Patty Schoelkopf, Dr. Mary Stratos (BCSD-\*Chief Instructional Services Officer) Josh Wall, MaryBeth White, HHI HS Guidance Counselors- Cheryl Dopson & Julie Markel

**Important Note:** SIC Chair Jen Fielding, together with Principal Steve Schidrich invited our **Beaufort County School District's Chief Instructional Services Officer, Dr. Mary Stratos to attend this meeting and listen to our HHI HS issues and ideas for academic improvement.**

Due to the important focus of this meeting (i.e. our HHI HS Students' Academic Achievement and efforts being made to improve our students' test scores) as listed on the below Agenda Topics the approval of our amended September 16, 2021 SIC Minutes, October 21, 2021 SIC Minutes and tonight's' PTSO Report were postponed until our next SIC meeting.

**AGENDA**

- (1.) Data presentation on test scores.
- (2.) How do our HHI HS students compare to the Bluffton High students? (Bluffton High-12 miles away on mainland /21 min drive) BCSD school with similar demographics/ethnicities to our school)
- (3.) What programs are currently in place by our school to improve our test scores?
- (4.) What programs have historically made a difference in test scores? How is this accurately measured?
- (5.) What are some of the "new" ideas that are being considered by the HHI HS faculty to increase performance?
- (6.) What programs are currently being offered by our school district? And what future programs will be launched with the additional funds received for education?



**AGENDA ITEMS** – Discussion of each item listed above was led by Principal Steve Schidrich

**Below are some key points from our productive and worthwhile discussion:**

\*End of Course Test Results Percent Passed-school year 2020-2021 were presented:

Algebra I: HHI HS 70% (highest in District) Bluffton HS: 61.8% Biology Bluffton HS: 71.1%; HHI HS: 58.5% Difficult to fill Math and Science teaching positions. Pool of talent to hire qualified teachers in these two subject areas for HHI HS is low. English II: Bluffton HS: 85.7%; HHI HS: 82.2% U.S. History: HHI HS 67.3%; Bluffton 65.5%. Note: Above EOC test results occurred during COVID year.

[10/21/21 SIC Meeting (Noted in Minutes) – HHI HS' MAP Scores and GAP Mean Scores were presented, reviewed and discussed.]

Efforts to Narrow Achievement Gaps; ILT="Independent" Learning Time was initiated a number of years ago at HHI HS with intention of students using this time in middle of day to get help from teachers, work on project assignments, study, complete homework, etc. Due to students not using this time effectively ILT has been changed to SLT= "Structured" Learning Time. Students must be in a classroom with a teacher using this time to get help from teacher, work on an assignment, study for an exam, etc ..... Student "roaming halls" is not allowed.

Tutoring: after school tutoring (3:35-4:45 pm) has always been a struggle and difficult to get students to participant after school. Principal now has funding of \$33,000 to spend on tutoring. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades are in – and a number of students are failing Math.

New Tutoring: Robust Math Tutoring has just been implemented - Four mornings per week from 7:15 am-8:15 am with our great Math teacher Jeremy Willard.

Dr. Stratos comments: tutoring funding can be available – monitor dollars used, based on utilization -number of students actually participating in teacher led tutoring sessions.

Grades are academic matter under the purview of the individual teacher who assigns them. Grades demonstrate mastery/proficiency of the course. State does not allow grades to be changed.

*Other incentives for "partnership" to help students learn are needed.*

We must focus on relationships between teachers and their students.

Principal Steve Schidrich's Vision – all his teachers *must build relationships to help students be successful throughout high school.*

Several parents commented how a particular teacher(s) at HHI HS made all the difference with their child successfully passing courses and graduating.

Question asked: "How are you, as principal, ensuring this is happening with all of our teachers?"

Principal: through observations of all teachers, how many referrals are being written by individual teachers is looked at.

\*Comments: COVID and schools going to Virtual Teaching—has impacted so many students...

\*Many students have developed: "I'm failing, and I don't care attitude...."

\*AP & teacher commented: Many of our HHI HS students are behaving "at 2 years behind --- 9<sup>th</sup> graders are behaving like 7<sup>th</sup> graders...11<sup>th</sup> graders are behaving like 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

\*Long time/well respected teacher: "We (as educators) must focus on relationships with our students .. Peer coaching of each other (teachers).. We have a hill to climb... Kids were disconnected these past two years..."

Students' "phone addiction" is big issue ... We are trying to get our students to 'have fun again."

\*HHI BOE Member: Is working for “mental health” help for our students.

Mental Health Issues/help: Our school district (BCSD) will now pay for this help – through Coastal Empire... Our Guidance Counselors play a key role in getting Mental Health services started for our students... Students’ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting MUST go through the Guidance Department’s office.

\*Vaping: Increased student vaping – is another issue being seen by teachers and Administration. If drugs found on student while student in school - student get referred to program through Beaufort County Sheriff’s Dept.

\*BOE Member/retired long time HHI HS teacher: Is HHI HS serving the right kids? *ALL students need a “go to” person.* Students have varying degrees of needs. The skills of our teachers need upgrade (to be able to effectively deal with students’ new challenges.)

Principal Steve Schidrich: We are doing this (helping teachers) thorough “District Mentoring” Program – and building Teacher Mentors. Formal observations of our HHI HS teachers are being done.

Teachers are being evaluated by our Administration ---- and are put on an “Improvement Plan” if necessary.

\*Community member/parent of 3 HHI HS grads: Years ago – we use to have a “Home to School Liaison”. There are “gaps between the school and the home”. We need to open and develop these relationships for the success of our HHI HS students. Some parents need help to do this!! A bridge from Home to School is needed.

Students need to learn and own WHY is it important to go to school. All kids need a plan.

Principal Steve Schidrich: “Adopt a Senior” program has been implemented. Class failure rates for our students are looked at... those classes that are imperative to graduate .. Currently there are forty-four (44).. Intervention is needed NOW.

FIVE Guidance Counselors – [Note: Our SIC recommendation/request from last school year] were approved for HHI HS this year. Two of our Guidance Counselors were in attendance – Counselors are assigned to students alphabetically by “last names”. Our students now have a “Graduation Contact”/Guidance Counselor. Counselors are being trained to better deal with the problems that are being seen with our students.

\*BCSD Superintendent Frank Rodriguez – supporting Career Development Facilitators in our high schools.

\*HHI HS Career Development Facilitator for all our HHI HS students is Angie Williams (now Dr.) who is well known to HHI HS – as a previous teacher, etc.

School Counselors are becoming better educated in order to become “licensed and certified.” 113 additional hours of education is necessary to get licensed.

SIC Chair – Jen Fielding:

\*Issue-question from 10/21/21 SIC Meeting:

\*Federal & States’ Government require public schools’ testing results to be recorded/reported/analyzed by race, ethnicity, gender. (i.e. It’s the law.)

\*SICs on our HH Island – elementary schools (2), middle and high school need to have conversations and work together—Parents working together with our public schools is the main issue.

\*What is HHI HS (and our other schools) doing with practices to talk with parents?

\*Has a Parent Tutorial been developed?

SIC Chair – Jen Fielding: *Continued*

- \*How can we improve?
- \*Are we communicating with the right people?
- \*Communicating with parents in a useful and meaningful way is necessary. We need to “drill down” on the issues.

SIC Chair Jen and Dr. Stratos talked tonight before start SIC meeting about the following:

- \*We need “Extended Learning Groups within our local communities.
- \*What are our BCSD schools North of the Broad doing?
- \*We need to: involve churches, Boys & Girls Clubs, Promote Parent Involvement
- \* How do we do this on HH Island and reach into the community?? Communication, promotion efforts

Other SIC members’ comments:

- \*Students need to learn and see academic success for themselves. And learn IF they graduate high school they can experience financial success (and pursue trade school, profession, and/or go on to local college.)
- \*Empowering parents is important.
- \*SIC needs to reimplement “Career Day at HHIHS and the Reality Store event” ... which has been not happening since COVID.

Many positive comments about our meeting were given at the conclusion of this meeting! 😊

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 8:00 pm.

**\*\*\* NOTE PLEASE: Next scheduled SIC Meeting:** Third Thursday – December 16, 2021 in Seahawk Cultural Center (SCC)

**2021-2022 SIC Meeting Schedule:** 9/16@1pm, 10/21@5pm, 11/18/21@6pm-Parent Workshop@5:30pm, 12/16/21@6pm, 1/20/22@6pm, 2/17/22@6pm, 3/17/22@1pm, 4/21/22@6pm, 5/19/22@6pm

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**SIC Meeting called to order at:** 6:35 pm. Meeting was held in HHI HS Media Center.

**In Attendance:** Steve Schidrich, Jen Fielding, \*BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Audrey Clayton, Jan Davis-Vater, Buck Edwards, Joe Monmonier, Bill Payne, Mike Quigley, \*BOE Member-Cathy Robine, Kelly Ruckno, Patty Schoelkopf, Caroline Summa

**Approval of Minutes:** Amended Minutes from the September 16, 2021 SIC Meeting were approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Buck Edwards and seconded by Audrey Clayton. Minutes from the October 21, 2021 SIC Meeting were approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Buck Edwards and seconded by Caroline Summa. Minutes from the November 18, 2021 SIC Meeting were approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Kelly Ruckno and seconded by Mike Quigley. All 3 listed minutes unanimously approved. [Note: Above listed minutes were again sent to all members 1/17/22 to read and review again prior to this meeting.]

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**HHHS Field House & Track Construction Update:** Joe Monmonier, HHI HS Athletic Director  
[Note: 6/28/21 A "Special SIC Meeting was held to discuss with School District officials the delay in our HHI HS new astro turf football field and track replacement.]

The new Field House and new track construction and corrected end zones looks "like a repeat problem/missed deadline again for our school."

The new track and endzones were to be completed before February 1<sup>st</sup>. It is doubtful that deadline will be met. Our School Board Members told Robert Oetting (BCSD's Professional Engineer Director in Charge of Facilities) this project was to be completed by February 1, 2022. Numerous errors – delay, wrong color of blue used (confused with May River HS' blue color) for Astro turf logos on field, actual track etc. Geo Turf-companying installing track, correcting end zones etc. actually left HHI area for a while to go do another job in North Carolina etc. This delay has created problem for our student athletes because our students are unable to train, etc.

\* After Joe Monmomier gave SIC attendees the update and problems:

**Action Item:** SIC Members voted and unanimously agreed that a stern letter with specific questions from the SIC Chair and membership should be sent directly to Robert Oetting and copied to our Superintendent Dr. Frank Rodriguez and copied to our local "**CLOC**" members CLOC= "Citizen Lead Oversight Committee" – which monitor all building projects for our BCSD Schools funded by our last Bond Referendum.

**PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT:** PTSO President Kelly Ruckno PTSO's "Seahawk Support Circle" (SSC) – received another generous grant from the HHI The Bargain Box to be used in 2022. 12/12/21 PTSO parent volunteers filled annual Holiday Gift Bags

**PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT (continued):** PTSO Pres. Kelly Ruckno for 60 HHI High students “in need”. Items given included: blanket, HHIHS sweatshirt & t-shirt, socks, underwear, toothpaste, deodorant, washing detergent, food items, backpack filled with spiral notebooks, pens, etc. Plus Walmart gift card. All Saints Church again donated many of our distributed items (backpacks). \*Names of our needy students receiving these bags are kept “Confidential” - known only by Social Worker and Hispanic Liaison who actually give each bag to the designated student. /// PTSO also helped our new Spanish teacher (from Columbia South America) who moved to HHI in December – with used furniture and apartment needs. PTSO also purchased 15 *AP Baron’s* books for Mr. Jones AP Gov’t teacher – for students who could not afford to purchase their own book. /// PTSO handled annual “Christmas Cookie Exchange” for teachers and staff. /// PTO contributed to 9<sup>th</sup> Graders’ Positive Behavior Intervention (PBIS) items from PTSO’s School Store given. /// PTSO help with distributing Students’ Schedules in Jan. /// PTSO provided dinner to teachers who stayed for Open House, Parent Meetings. /// PTSO provided 17 “Event Staff” t shirts for our students in hospitality class.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Steve Schidrich

**Staffing:** Long time custodian “Miss Doris” retired 1/4/22; ROTC Sgt. Major Watts leaving 1/20/22. He will be heading up FCA – Fellowship of Christian Athletes 6/30/22. Two of our Spanish teachers resigned. Thus, all Spanish I students went to online classes. In December one IB Spanish qualified teacher was hired. Second Spanish position will be filled for 2022-2023. **OPENINGS:** 1.5 ESOL position. Possible Chinese teacher hire soon; 2- SPED Assistant positions have been unfilled all school year; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bilingual Liaison resigned recently – Replacement has been hired and should be starting soon. Our Chinese teacher – 0.5 Chinese + 0.5 ESOL. Great teacher, well liked by students, to our advantage she is married to an American (thus, no visa issues).

**Expected Staffing for 2022-2023:** Expected vacancies: 99 of 112 teachers have responded to Steve’s Survey about next year intentions - 6 are not sure if returning or not. Our Current Media Specialist (Christine Robinson) moving back upstate. Need 1.5 ESOL and 2 SPED aides

**\*2/3/22** – Steve has Staff Meeting at District Office – enrollment projections for next school year will determine number of teaching positions. Full time Career Development Facilitator (CDF) is approved -Angie Williams to be shared between HHI HS and May River High. CCR – College & Career Ready focus. PD= Professional Development for staff [HHI Middle school has 0.5 CDF, and a Literacy Coach]. Hopeful for Full Time Instructional Coach – for extension of Admin Team support, responsible to train new teachers, help teachers. Hopeful for a 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Principal and /or Hall Monitor. **\*2/7/22** – District Team comes to HHI HS meets with Principal & Admin Team – to review: Data & Analysis; Classroom visits & review, “Report of Visit Given” = “Glows and “Grows”; School Team Huddle – Develop Action Plan. Afterwards – Steve conducts Faculty Meeting and shares results, findings, and recommendations with entire faculty. Action Plan is developed.

**SIC REPORT:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

**Points:** (1.) How to make MAP Testing more important to all students?  
(2.) PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) – utilized in BCSD schools. Promotes positive student behavior patterns. Well designed Plan that focuses on “preventing” rather than “responding” to a student problem. Being utilized with HHI HS 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
(3.) Jen to talk back with BCSD Chief Instructional Services Officer-Dr. Mary Stratos regarding some of the items discussed in our great November 18, 2021, SIC Meeting - i.e., tutoring, community centers’ involvement, tutorial program available, EOC data/results focus.

Question asked by SIC member: What happened to our HHI HS technology upgrades that were supposed to happen this 2021-2022 school year? In addition to our front entrance Security upgrades that were supposed to happen last summer but delayed until Christmas 2021 break but did not happen?

**SIC REPORT (continued):** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

BOE Member Ingrid Boatright reported to our SIC: - Board of Ed to hire an outside group to assess the technology in every one of our district's schools. Ingrid is now actually heading up the BOE Technology Committee 😊.

Note: our SIC continues to be grateful that BOE members Cathy Robine and Ingrid Boatright (two of our HHI representatives) continue to attend our SIC meetings.

Cathy reported that they are committed to keep the BOE Meetings in person.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** at 7:20 pm.

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*HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2021-2022*



**HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2022**



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**SIC Meeting called to order at:** 6:06 pm. Meeting was held in HHI HS Media Center.

**In Attendance:** Steve Schidrich, Jen Fielding, \*BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Jeanine Clark, Audrey Clayton, Jan Davis-Vater, Curtis Ewing, Shawna Fisher, Andrea Guess, Kristen Hamilton, Kristen Keller, Carole Lee Koerner, Bill Payne, Mike Quigley, Kelly Ruckno, Patty Schoelkopf, Josh Wall, MaryBeth White

**Approval of Minutes:** Amended Minutes from the January 20, 2022 SIC Meeting were approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Bill Payne and seconded by Mike Quigley.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) Evaluation:** Presenters: IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) Coordinator- MaryBeth White and IB Middle Years Programme (IBMP) Coordinator-Curtis Ewing

For **25 years** HHIHS has had the dual IB Program. IBDP grades 11&12. IBMP grades 6-10. Middle Years program at HHIHS grades 9-10. Every 5 years HHIHS must do Preliminary Review to look at programme and practices to be certain all international IB Rules and Regulations are being followed by our school. Input is gathered from teachers/faculty and community – i.e. SIC. IB Programme Review Evaluation reviews all IB Policies- self-study/self-assessment/school rates itself. \*\* First week of February 2023 official IB Evaluators will visit our school.

**Two documents were presented for SIC's Review and Comments:** (1.) HHIHS IB Programme Academic Integrity Policy (includes Student Academic Misconduct – specific types – cheating, plagiarism etc. – and consequences if not adhered to. (2.) HHIHS' Detailed School Assessment Policy- Why we assess, How we assess, State Mandated Testing, Assessment Specific to IB Programme, Internal/External Assessment, HHIHS Grading & Reporting Practices, Grade Reporting- Detailed: Seat Hours /Attendance/ Assignments/Make-Up Work/Interventions/Credit Recovery. Assessment Policy input received from teachers of the subjects. Since HHIHS now 45% Hispanic we must help our teachers to support our English Language Learners (ELL) students.

**Noted IB Info from MB White:** \*Last year one of our IBDP students was caught plagiarizing another Extended Essay. After review, that student was no longer an IB Diploma candidate. \*Our teachers are now teaching our students skills to avoid this. \*[Turnitin.com=internet-based detection plagiarism detection service] \*New Progressive Discipline Policy for HHIHS. \*Theory of Knowledge TOK Class HL (Higher Level) is a 2 year class. \*2022 IB Exams – students will have audio file exams.

**Action Required:** SIC members were asked to email any comments about the two documents presented to MaryBeth White in 2 weeks.

**PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT:** PTSO President Kelly Ruckno

PTSO helped with set up and provided the snacks for the Feb. 13 “Winter Formal Dance” (Valentine’s Day theme) held in the cafeteria. 250 students attended! 100 students bought tickets at the door. \*First group student function held at HHIHS since COVID./ PTSO purchased 4 five-head pronged floor lamps for the Media Center which are being used in smaller set up reading areas./ Jan 31 PTSO judged school’s Annual Teachers’ Chili Cook-Off – fun success and also provided \$50, \$75, \$100 Visa gift cards to Top 3 winning teachers.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Steve Schidrich

\*2018-2019 was last year State of SC did “rating” of schools which is illustrated on State Report Card, NO Rating Given: 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 (COVID Years).

**HHIHS’ SC Rating this year will be Based on:** (1.) 25% Academic Achievement - End of Course (EOC) Exams in Algebra I, English II, 4 year cohort EL (English Learner population exams (2.) 5% Preparing for Success (3.) 0% US History this will be first year of new standards for this subject so EOC grades will not count this year. (4.) 10% School Climate – social/physical environment. (Steve planning on doing something special for kids this spring.) (5.) English Language Learners Progress – ELL student has 5 years to be English Language Proficient. All ELL students are tested on: Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing skills. Need at least Score of 4 on all tests. (5.) 25% Career Ready Students CCR=Career & College Ready

\*Our Graduation Rate may be down this year due to COVID.

\*Last SC Rating HHI HS was 1 ½ points below “Excellent”. We need Gifted & Talented (GT) students at HHI Middle to get “high” Algebra I End of Course Exam scores – as that score follows student thru and counts in High School.

Two years ago HHI HS SC Rating: 65.8 -- We need to achieve 67 or Higher to be “Excellent SC School.

**SIC REPORT:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

(1.) Jen Fielding had talked with BCSD Dr. Stratos – There is Federal COVID money available to “Bridge the Achievement Gap”.

(2.) Feb 15 Board of Education Meeting: Jen and Jan Davis-Vater attended. We learned about and saw presentation given by newly hired BCSD Program Coordinator about a “pilot” after school Tutoring Program recently enacted. More info below:

(3.) BOE Member Ingrid Boatright (in attendance at this SIC Meeting): \$50 million available to BCSD to spend on “learning loss” because of COVID and school closures/online lessons. \*\$1 million available for Mental Health issues.

2/15 BOE Meeting: Student Achievement Update- Community Partnerships for Academic Recovery BCSD students are transported by bus to several locations - churches for after school tutoring four days a week. BCSD has actually hired a coordinator for this program. The new Coordinator: Gaynelle Dantzler, MPH (actually grew up in Beaufort) gave powerpoint presentation “*Community Engagement Initiative*” at Feb 15 BOE meeting. \*79 St Helena Island & Lady’s Island students are enrolled in this program.

HHI Boys and Girls Club Program: \*50 students enrolled Saturday option in HHI vs 4 day a week option for BCSD students living in St Helena and Lady’s Island.

\*Above Pilot Program 4 days a week after school option vs HHI Sat only option ?? Pilot Program itself may not be equitable distribution of available COVID funds throughout BCSD.



**SIC REPORT continued:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

(4.) SIC Bylaws Amendment – Amendment suggestion was distributed via email by Jen prior to 2/17 meeting.

**Action Item:** Please review suggestion as SIC is required to vote on all amendments to our Bylaws.

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(4.) SIC sponsored Annual Career Day/STEM Job Opportunities for our students – past 2 years unable to be held due to postponed due to COVID restrictions and mandated parameters. Looking at possible date in April 2022.

**Goals Update:**

(1.) Referendum Funding \$ approved vs actual items on list accomplished: Jen continues conversations with BCSD Robert Oetting regarding HHI HS items that are supposed to occur as stated on BCSD's PR posted list prior to vote by county residents on referendum items. Number of items still not happening/not been completed. Priorities list being developed..

(2.) Community Awareness of HHIHS – Our students still producing Newspaper. HHIHS Facebook page provides much info. Drama classes have been able to again present actual plays to public.

(3.) Increase Parent Involvement "Handbook for New HHI HS Parents" – being worked on. Suggestions to include: list of BCSD & HHIHS acronyms, bilingual, include on-line version, school map, list of sports-when during year played and when students try out, clubs, etc.

(4.) SIC sponsored Annual Career Day/STEM Job Opportunities for our students – looking for possible community presenters.

**Note:** our SIC continues to be grateful that BOE members Ingrid Boatright and Cathy Robine (two of our HHI representatives) continue to attend our SIC meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 7:20 pm.

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# HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 17, 2022



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**SIC Meeting called to order at:** 6:03 pm. Meeting was held in HHI HS Media Center.

**In Attendance:** Steve Schidrich, Jen Fielding, \*BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Amber Clark, Audrey Clayton, Jan Davis-Vater, Kristen Hamilton, Kristen Keller, Carole Koerner, Bill Payne, Mike Quigley, \*BOE Member-Cathy Robine, Jackie Rosswurm, Kelly Ruckno, Patty Schoelkopf, Wendy Serpe, Josh Wall, *Guest Speaker:* Ray Warco

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the February 17, 2022 SIC Meeting were unanimously approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Wendy Serpe and seconded by Kristen Keller.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Steve Schidrich

(1.) **Update:** BCSD District Team "cancelled" the Scheduled 2/7/22 visit as recorded in our Jan 20, 2022 SIC Minutes – District Team comes to HHI HS meets with Principal & Admin Team – to review: Data & Analysis; Classroom visits & review, "Report of Visit Given" = "Glows and "Grows"; School Team Huddle – Develop Action Plan. **Note:** Superintendent's Deputy Assistant: Dr. Duke Bradley resigned in January and moved back to Atlanta. Focus will now be on the "underperforming BCSD Schools: 11 Schools to be visited Fall '22, 11 in Spring '23 and 11 visited later in '23. In 2023 all BCSD schools to be visited by District officials.

Principal Steve's areas of focus: Data first then initiatives. Steve reports back to Superintendent - What he is doing @ HHIHS, Student Engagement, Are teachers teaching to the Standards? Focus is on the "core" subjects and End of Course (EOC) exams.

(2.) In SIC Minutes from February 17, 2022 – documented/recorded what HHI HS' SC Rating this school year (2021-2022) will be based on.

**SIC REPORT:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

Jen gave a brief recap/update on our **SIC Goals for 2021-2022**

- (1.) Oversee Referendum Funding for HHI HS Architectural Improvements
- (2.) Increase Community Awareness of HHI HS
- (3.) Increase Parent Involvement – SIC to develop "*Handbook for New HHI HS Parents*"
- (4.) SIC sponsored Annual Career Day/STEM Job Opportunities for all our 1,330 students

**SIC REPORT (Continued):** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

\*As noted in our monthly SIC Minutes from May-June 2021 and throughout this school year- we found it necessary for Chair Jen and our SIC members to delve deeper into the District's budget for our HHI HS' improvements that have not yet happened as of this date.

\*March 15, 2022 (2 days ago) SIC Chair Jen and SIC Secretary Jan attended the BCSD Board of Education Meeting – and had the opportunity after the meeting to talk with Superintendent Dr. Rodriguez and Robert Oetting (Chief Operations Officer – oversees all BCSD schools' construction/use of Referendum dollars).

Jen and Jan actually gave a copy of the below LIST- Actual Page – of BCSD's Marketing Materials which we found on BCSD's Current Website – to both Dr. Rodriguez and Robert Oetting.

BCSD website Page titled:

**"Hilton Head Island High - Design Work for Future Renovations to Building (HHI HS)"**

*[\*We politely informed both that the "school picture" posted on the page was incorrect – Picture posted is HHI Middle School not HHI High]*

**which states on right hand side:**

***... Each ballot (on the 2019 Referendum) features two questions, and IF voters approve both of those questions, the projects listed here will be completed.***

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## HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH HILTON HEAD CLUSTER

### DESIGN WORK FOR FUTURE RENOVATIONS TO BUILDING

#### SAFETY/SECURITY

- \* Mass Notification System
  - \* Panic button at main office
  - \* PA system upgrade
  - \* Radios
- \* Camera systems upgrade
- \* Improve exterior lighting
- \* Fencing

#### TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

- \* Building improvements for radio reception
- \* Server room improvements
  - \* UPS or generator power supply
  - \* Enlarge rooms or create new rooms
- \* New cabling to support systems
- \* New equipment (as needed)
  - \* Servers
  - \* Wireless access points
  - \* Digital signage
- \* Sound and lighting systems
  - \* PAC lighting and sound
  - \* Stadium sound
  - \* Classroom in-room sound

#### ATHLETIC IMPROVMENTS (SHARED WITH HILTON HEAD ISLAND MIDDLE)

- \* New turf field
- \* Additional field house
- \* Upgrade softball facilities
- \* New storage facility at lacrosse field
- \* New stadium ticket office
- \* Improvements to lacrosse and football practice fields
- \* Replacement gym bleachers
- \* Weight room equipment
- \* Renovation of field house
- \* Renovate baseball dugouts



Beaufort County voters will go to the polls on November 5 to make important decisions involving a variety of issues relating to school facilities. Each ballot will feature two questions, and if voters approve both of those questions, the projects listed here will be completed.



Unfortunately – as of March 17, 2022, No technology dollars are available now for HHI HS. Per Robert Oetting to Jen and Jan: “You are going to get a new school”... .... but not for 4-7 years from now.

HHI HS' new astro turf football field and track are now finally done after much delay.... But nothing else...from the current 2019 Referendum dollars has been completed at HHI HS.

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Chair Jen gave a copy of the ABOVE **“Hilton Head Island High - Design Work for Future Renovations to Building (HHI HS)”** (on Page 3 of Minutes) from BCSD website to Guest Speaker Ray Warco and all SIC members and people in attendance at tonight’s SIC meeting.

SIC Chair Jen and SIC Member Kristen Keller (who knows our guest speaker CLOC member Ray Warco from Rotary) had a chance to meet with Ray prior to tonight’s SIC meeting. Jen invited Ray to come to our SIC Meeting tonight to speak with our SIC:

**Our Guest Speaker:**

**Ray Warco – Hilton Head representative on the BCSD’s “CLOC” Committee= “Citizen Led Oversight Committee = independent group of volunteers put together by Superintendent Rodriguez - who monitor the referendum building projects, schedule, budgets, and expenditures.**

**[Note:** Ray is very supportive of our school. He has lived in HHI since 1988 (retired CPA, wife speech therapist who worked in HHI schools, has 2 children who were graduates of HHI HS, Ray was actually a Past Chair of HHI HS’SIC]

\*Ray explained the purpose and function of the CLOC committee and members and relayed to us the dollars from the Bond Referendum, data listed on BCSD web site, Phase 1 and Phase 2 (not yet approved by BOE).

\*Chair Jen relayed to Ray our SIC’s frustrations.

\*Three weeks ago Principal Steve met with Tim Summers (BCSD Project Mgr for HHIHS) to discuss issues – needed radios, delayed security improvements at our school.

SIC Chair Jen relayed to Ray – our many concerns as did some of our SIC members.

Ray was very informative, and we appreciate him speaking with us.

Ray relayed: OSF=Office of School Facilities in Columbia, SC – oversees ALL architecture, constructions people and construction documents. Understaffed in Columbia, delays in shipments of needed supplies due to COVID.

\*Bluffton schools (2 high schools), etc. and population growth are “busting”/repeated progress being in the Bluffton schools ... Parents at HHI HS are concerned about changes in schools’ security and entrance have still not happened. Principal just received better radios for internal school communication among him and Assistant Principals.

Jen: *“We just want to be sure that HHI High does not get ignored”.*

Ray Warco kindly agreed to review our questions and concerns. He will ask questions back to the BCSD’s financial group he meets with. Ray will then come back to our SIC and report his findings.

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\*Board of Education (BOE) Member, Cathy Robine, in attendance at this meeting, informed us that the District is now ordering some items for construction in advance – due to issues with our BCSD projected timeline.

\*Board of Education Member (BOE) Member, Ingrid Boatright, also in attendance at this meeting, relayed the Board has approved Technology RFP awarded to company in Michigan.

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**SIC REPORT (Continued):** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

**SIC sponsored Annual Career Day/STEM Job Opportunities** for all our students all Grades 12, 11, 10, 9 **will be held Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

We currently have approximately 40 community members confirmed to speak.

All SIC members are asked to still work on contacting potential community and business owners to speak to our students.

(Note: Past 2 years this event unable to be held due / postponed due to COVID restrictions and mandated parameters)

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**Meeting Adjourned:** at 7:25 pm.

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**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the March 17, 2022, SIC Meeting were unanimously approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Bill Payne and seconded by Kristen Keller.

**SIC REPORT:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

**(1.) Thank you & Recognition of Retiring SIC Community Member Buck Edwards**

Jen recognized and thanked Buck (SIC Community Member past 3.5 years/able to come back and attend this meeting) for his service to our SIC and our HH Island Schools. In 1998 Buck started the *Impact Mentoring Program* that served all five of the HHI Public Schools (the initial 4 elementary schools, middle school, and high school). For 20 years Buck continued to develop and lead this program from a mere 15 volunteers to 110 volunteers. In past years Buck was recognized by the BCSD's Board of Ed for being a "champion for students". Buck also collected thousands of used tennis balls from local tennis pros and brought to HHI Schools. Our schools placed balls on bottoms of the legs of students' desks greatly reducing noise in classrooms. Jen presented Buck with a lovely potted blooming orange lily. Thank you, Buck!

**(2.) Amendment to our HHI High School School Improvement Council Bylaws**  
Approved & Adopted April 30, 2020, SIC Bylaws

Amendment change (below) to our HHI HS SIC Bylaws- *Approved and Adopted: April 30, 2020* was presented to all SIC members as documented in our 2/17/22 SIC Minutes [SIC Bylaws Amendment change suggestion was distributed via email by Chair Jen prior to 2/17/22 SIC meeting. All members were requested to review suggested Amendment as stated below.]

**Article III- Number and Type of SIC Members and Voting** (HHIHS SIC Bylaws Page 2 of 8)

(A.) The Hilton Head Island High School Improvement Council will be composed of the following representatives: Item (2.) Students: Amended to read [*\*amended words are in italics*]: *A minimum of two students* to be elected by the student body. A maximum of six students will be allowed. If necessary, to better reflect the student population, two students may be appointed by the Principal and will serve as ex-officio members.

This Amendment to our Bylaws was voted upon by all members in attendance and unanimously approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Audrey Clayton and seconded by Kristen Hamilton.

**SIC REPORT CONTINUED:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

**(3.) Update: SIC Goals for 2021-2022**

**(Goal 1.) Oversee Referendum Funding for HHI HS Architectural Improvements** – on going process, many steps, many meetings to be able to get a new & great HHI High School facility. Our HHI CLOC rep Ray Warco is again attending our meeting tonight with responses to our recently submitted questions.

**(Goal 2.) Increase Community Awareness of HHI HS**

**(a.)** SIC facilitated student newspaper/journalism class last year & continues to support student written/produced HHI HS Newspaper distributed/mailed to all HHI residents inside *The Hilton Head SUN* newspaper.

**HHHS Journalism Teacher: Corrine Spisz** here tonight to update us on students' Newspaper success and expansion

**(b.)** SIC sponsored Annual Career Day on May 5, 2022 /STEM Job Opportunities for all our 1,330 students SIC members personally contacted Speakers & Hosted the Career Day 4/5/22) for all our 1300+ students with more than 50 speakers with different careers From our HHI local community.

**Comments from Chair Jen:** Very successful event. Gave shout-out / big thank you to Patty Schoelkopf, Jan Davis-Vater, Audrey Clayton, Shelly Basciano...Large group of Our Speakers have summer job opportunity for our students – LJ Bush focus.

May 19, 2022 SIC Meeting: Dr. Angie Williams HHIHS Career Development Specialist who helped with Career Day will attend & speak/provide update

**(Goal 3.) SIC to develop “Handbook for New HHI HS Parents”** –Topics/areas put together by SIC for parents touring HHHS and new & current parents, “*Survival Book of Knowledge.*” Our handbook will refer parents back to the school’s website for info.

**(2.) Our 1<sup>st</sup> Guest Speaker- follow up 2nd SIC meeting with Ray Warco:** Ray kindly agreed to review our questions and concerns we discussed with him at 3/17/22 SIC Meeting. (Chair Jen emailed the below *List of Questions*. He asked questions back to the BCSD’s financial group CLOC Committee he meets with. Ray agreed to come back to our SIC Meeting in May and report his findings.

**[Note: 3/17/22 SIC Minutes Documented our SIC’s invitation & Ray Warco – Hilton Head representative on the BCSD’s “CLOC” Committee= “Citizen Led Oversight Committee = independent group of volunteers put together by Superintendent Rodriguez - who monitor the referendum building projects, schedule, budgets, and expenditures.**

**[Note:** Ray is very supportive of our school. He has lived in HHI since 1988 (retired CPA, wife speech therapist who worked in HHI schools, has 2 children who were graduates of HHI HS, Ray was actually a Past Chair of HHI HS’SIC.]

**Our SIC’s Questions submitted to Ray Warco by Chair Jen Fielding.** Ray took our questions to BCSD Robert Oetting, Chief Operations Officer.

**\*Ray shared BCSD Robert Oetting’s answers to all/each of our below questions.**

**HHI HS SIC’s Questions/Concerns:**

- (1.) -Is HHHS getting a new secured entrance? We were told last summer that we were getting it.
- (2.) -Do other schools have a panic button in their new entrance? We were told that the police do not want us to have that security option.



*HHIHS SIC's Questions to Ray Warco Continued*

**HHI HS SIC's Questions/Concerns:**

- (3.) -When will our radio system get the signal boost necessary to work?
- (4.) -Will the PA system be repaired so that all parts of the building can hear it?
- (5.) -When will our camera systems both inside and outside the school be repaired and installed?
- (6.) -What is the listed fencing needed?
- (7.) -When will the technology evaluation for our school be completed and will we be brought up to the standards of the newest schools in the county if it is found that we are lagging behind?  
We were told that the District never had any intention of completing the items listed above (server room, generator power supply, cabling system, new equipment). BOE Member/HHI Rep Mrs. Boatright had to push for the technology evaluation to be approved.  
\*The SIC would like to see the report in a format that compares our technology capabilities to those of other schools in the District.

- (8.)-When will the sound and lighting projects start?
- (9.)-We have been put on notice that the new field house will not be built until after the decision has been made on the location for the new school (\*current location with renovations vs. new build across the street).

We had Robert Oetting (BCSD's Chief Operations Officer) come to our school over two years ago to speak about the options but NOTHING has been done since that meeting. Why has it taken this long to make a decision? If they want community input (which they should) then they should have started this process years ago.

Now we are delayed in getting a much-needed field house because no one has prepared information about the location of the new school. When can we expect a full roll-out of our options? It seems as though this is yet another delay tactic.

- (10.)-We have been told that the softball facilities upgrades are not going to happen. Our Athletic Director has voiced concern over a possible issue with Title 9 should the renovation not happen, but I have not confirmed the details. Do you know if that project has been marked off the list?
- (11.)-Any updates on the Lacrosse storage facility, stadium ticket office, practice field improvements, gym bleachers, weight room equipment and baseball dugout renovations would be greatly appreciated. We have heard nothing about these projects.
- (12.)-The scope of the field house plans that were recently presented to our Athletic Director were much smaller than the original plans and BCSD Project Manager Tim Summers has said the existing field house that was to be given a renovation is going to just be torn down because of the expenses involved in renovating it. It will not be rebuilt if torn down.  
\*Both field house facilities are necessary to accommodate our male and female sports teams. Doing both the new build and the renovation of the old field house will bring us up to the same number of locker rooms as other schools in the county. Will you please provide an update on those plans?

- (13.)-This brings me to our last question (for now)... Who oversees the scope and scale of the referendum projects? As money becomes very tight at the end (and we are solidly at the end of the line), it seems as though we are not getting what was originally promised. We have heard that there is a bid premium that may provide excess money. Is the CLOC aware of these funds and how they can be used to fund the remaining projects?

**SIC REPORT (Continued):** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

Noted in our SIC 3/17/22 Meeting Minutes: On 3/15/22 after Board of Ed Meeting: Jen and Jan actually gave a copy of the below LIST- Actual Page – of BCSD’s Marketing Materials which we found on BCSD’s Current Website – to both BCSD Superintendent Dr. Rodriguez and Robert Oetting.  
BCSD website Page titled:

**“Hilton Head Island High - Design Work for Future Renovations to Building (HHI HS)”**

[\*We also politely informed both that the “school picture” posted on the page was incorrect – Picture posted is HHI Middle School not HHI High]

**which states on right hand side:**

**... Each ballot (on the 2019 Referendum) features two questions, and IF voters approve both of those questions, the projects listed here will be completed.**

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH**  
HILTON HEAD CLUSTER

**DESIGN WORK FOR FUTURE RENOVATIONS TO BUILDING**

**SAFETY/SECURITY**

- \* Mass Notification System
  - \* Panic button at main office
  - \* PA system upgrade
  - \* Radios
- \* Camera systems upgrade
- \* Improve exterior lighting
- \* Fencing

**TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

- \* Building improvements for radio reception
- \* Server room improvements
  - \* UPS or generator power supply
  - \* Enlarge rooms or create new rooms
- \* New cabling to support systems
- \* New equipment (as needed)
  - \* Servers
  - \* Wireless access points
  - \* Digital signage
- \* Sound and lighting systems
  - \* PAC lighting and sound
  - \* Stadium sound
  - \* Classroom in-room sound

**ATHLETIC IMPROVMENTS (SHARED WITH HILTON HEAD ISLAND MIDDLE)**

- \* New turf field
- \* Additional field house
- \* Upgrade softball facilities
- \* New storage facility at lacrosse field
- \* New stadium ticket office
- \* Improvements to lacrosse and football practice fields
- \* Replacement gym bleachers
- \* Weight room equipment
- \* Renovation of field house
- \* Renovate baseball dugouts

Beaufort County voters will go to the polls on November 5 to make important decisions involving a variety of issues relating to school facilities. Each ballot will feature two questions, and if voters approve both of those questions, the projects listed here will be completed.

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**(2.) Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Guest Speaker- HHIHS Journalism Teacher: Corrine Spisz  
HHIHS Student Newspaper Update Reported by HHI HS Teacher Corinne Spisz**

1. There were 48 journalism students in total this year at HHIHS who wrote articles for the newspaper.
  - a. 4 seniors
  - b. 4 juniors
  - c. 2 sophomores
  - d. 38 freshmenIncluding 16 multilingual learners
2. By the end of the year HHIHS will have published a total of 9 newspapers since Fall 2020.

**HHIHS Student Newspaper Update Reported by HHI HS Teacher Corinne Spisz Continued**

3. 2021-2022 there will be 4 editions of *The Seahawk Times* with the last edition coming out June 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. This year we added ads from community business to the school newspaper ranging from \$40-\$100 which was recommended by The HHI Sun so students could get the full experience
5. The course also applied for the Palmetto Electric grant and received \$1000 to get some newer filming equipment for the news show including an iPad, microphones, teleprompter, etc.
6. *The Seahawk Times* website is an archive for all news articles written since 2020 and is the main webpage for the student news show.
  - a. Two tech savvy students from fall 2021 completely re-did the website to make it more organized and user friendly
  - b. There is also a community sponsors page that holds the ads that were purchased by the community business.
7. In addition to the newspaper, we added a YouTube channel halfway through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter called the *Seahawk News Network* that contains highlight videos for arts, school events, and sports that are listed publicly, and the daily news show is posted to YouTube unlisted for easy access to staff each day for viewing.
8. Major news stories from this year:
 

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ukraine Project part 1</li> <li>b. Ukraine Project part 2</li> <li>c. Career Day = "Power Hour"</li> <li>d. Return of Prom</li> <li>e. Return of winter formal</li> <li>f. 1<sup>st</sup> field trip since COVID--- Biltmore Estate</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g. Model UN, DECA, Art award results</li> <li>h. Seahawks Get Grants</li> <li>i. Girl's Golf State Runner Up</li> <li>j. ROTC Wins 2 Tournaments</li> <li>k. Homecoming Traditions return</li> </ol>
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Referendum Articles this year: What is 21<sup>st</sup> century Learner

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Steve Schidrich

- \*11 new staff hires for 2022-2023 school year have been made
- \* Annette Lee (SPED teacher now) will become new Interventionist for HHIHS and provide educational support to students to help pass End of Course exams
- \*Frank Holland 2<sup>nd</sup> Behavioral Management Specialist
- \*COVID Crisis- Resulting in – students learning loss, credit loss
- \*Incoming Freshmen will have more support
- \*Josh Wall, SIC Teacher Member and our past TOY will be transferring to May River High School as a Choral Teacher next school year
- \*Principal has support plans for our "struggling staff"
- \*Teachers will meet to discuss students – starting with Seniors who are struggling
- \*CP students for the first half of next school year will have ELA Enrichment , English I
- \*2022-2023 school year New 9<sup>th</sup> graders – to develop a stronger base --will take a Full Year of ELA and a Full Year of Math
- \*AP & IB changes for next school year
- \* Next year- No IB Psychology

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Continued):** Steve Schidrich

- \*Long time teacher- Dora Fletcher moving to Anderson, SC & will continue in SC education
- \*Projected number of students for next school year 1360. Funding for Steve is at #13

**Note:** Our SIC continues to be grateful that BOE members Ingrid Boatright and Cathy Robine (two of our HHI representatives) continue to attend our SIC meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 7:56 pm.

**\*\*\* NOTE PLEASE: =LAST MEETING OF 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: Next scheduled SIC Meeting:**

Third Thursday – May 19, 2022 @ 6:00 pm HHI HS Media Center.

**2021-2022 SIC Meeting Schedule:** 9/16/21@1pm, 10/21/21@5pm, 11/18/21@6pm-Parent Workshop@5:30pm, 12/16/21@6pm, 1/20/22@6pm, 2/17/22@6pm, 3/17/22@1pm, 4/21/22@6pm, 5/19/22@6pm

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HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2021-2022*



**HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
MAY 19, 2022**



May 1, 2021, HHI High School's School Improvement Council was named the recipient of the South Carolina School Improvement Council's fourth annual Award of Merit for SIC Report to the Parents Excellence. This award is intended to recognize Report content, clarity, and design appeal, as well as to stress the importance of the SIC Report to the Parents to school communities. HHI HS SIC received the award "for its outstanding efforts to excellently fulfill this required aspect of SC state law." HHI HS SIC was previously ranked as one of five finalists for the SC-SIC's annual Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence in both 2019 and 2018.

**SIC Meeting called to order at:** 5:02 pm. Meeting was held in HHI HS Media Center.

**In Attendance:** Steve Schidrich, Jen Fielding, Shelby Basciano, L.J. Bush, Kim Carbonaro, Amber Clark, Janine Clark, Audrey Clayton, Jan Davis-Vater, Buck Edwards, Joheinda Fister, Nancy Fowler, Denise Friday, Carole Korner, Lori Hall, Kristen Hamilton, Kristen Keller, Chris Linkimer, Kandy Martin, Angie Olander, Bill Payne, Mike Quigley, \*BOE Member-Cathy Robine, Tina Rohr, Jackie Rosswurum, Kelly Ruckno, Diana Santoz-Lopez, Patty Schoelkopf, Marisa Wagner, George Westerfield, Angie Williams

**Guest Speakers from BCSD:** Robert Oetting (Chief Operations Officer, BCSD), Carol Crutchfield (Director, Facilities, Planning & Construction, BCSD), Tim Summers (Project Manager Construction)  
**Presenter of HHI High Architectural Proposed Plans:**  
Michelle Smyth, Architect @ McMillan Pazdan Smith, Charleston, SC

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the April 21, 2022, SIC Meeting were unanimously approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Kelly Ruckno and seconded by Marissa Wagner

**SIC REPORT:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

**(1.) Election for SIC Parent Member for 2022-2024** was held in early May. All newly elected Parent Members (serving 2022-2024) were invited to this meeting.

**Our Elected SIC Parents to serve for 2022-2024 are:** Kim Carbonaro, Amber Clark, Nancy Fowler, Lori Hall, Christopher Linkimer, Kandy Martin, Anjie Olander, Kari Olivetti, Mike Quigley, Andrea Guess.

**(2.) Presentation of plaque of Recognition to Retiring SIC Community Member Buck Edwards**

At our April 21 SIC Meeting Jen recognized and thanked Buck Edwards – a HHI HS SIC Community Member for the past 3.5 years and in 1998 developed and led the *Impact Mentoring Program* which was implemented in all HHI public schools. Program still active today. Jen presented plaque to Buck.

**(3.) In attendance for below stated presentation:** Robert Oetting, Chief Operations Office, BCSD, Carol Crutchfield, BCSD Facilities, Planning & Construction, Tim Summers, BCSD Construction Project Manager

**Presenter:** Michelle Smyth, Architect- @ McMillan, Pazdan Smith Architecture, Charleston SC

**PRESENTATION OF "CONCEPTUAL CONCEPTS" ARCHITECTURAL PLANS FOR**

**(A.) NEW BUILD/RELOCATION OF HHI HIGH SCHOOL**

**(B.) REBUILD-RENOVATE CURRENT HHI HIGH SCHOOL ON EXISTING HHI HS SITE**

**SIC REPORT CONTINUED:** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

**Robert Oetting:** Plans for a brand new HHI High School would have to be funded through the passage of a NEW Referendum in 2023 voted on/approved by the residents of Beaufort County.

SIC Vice Chair – Audrey Clayton videoed the presentation for our SIC members.  
A version was already recorded by BCSD for HHI High's teachers

**Options for HHI HS were looked at in the following two ways:** (1.) Relocation and new build 3 story building of HHI HS on land where current lacrosse field, softball field, soccer field are located. (2.) Rebuild/remodel on the current existing site of HH HIS

**PROS:** Able to build on land immediately

**CONS:** Current SCC (Seahawk Cultural Center-600 seat auditorium) would remain in current location. Students would have to walk from new school back to SCC – increase time/loss of classroom time, constrained area for parking

**IF rebuild on existing site of HHI HS:** parking, construction etc. would interface with existing school

**To view details of the presentation – go to below listed link**

**Redesign/Rebuilding of Hilton Head Island High School**

As part of the 2019 Referendum, the Beaufort County School District has funding for the design of a rebuilt Hilton Head Island High School, and BCSD would like your input!

Visit <https://connectbeaufortschools.org/hilton-head-island-high-school> to view the conceptual design video and provide your feedback!

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**BCSD Tim Summers:** Current Projects that still need to be completed at HHI HS:

- (1.) HHI HS logo and lettering in endzones of football field – after graduation
- (2.) Athletic Scope to be done: (a.) New Field House (b.) New Gym Bleachers (c.) reno dug out & fencing at baseball fields

**Parents Comments:** Safety & security at HHI HS are still needed IMMEDIATELY. Front entrance security delayed, issues at all school entrances, etc. What about all the Projects – specific to HHI HS - on printed list (marketing tool) on BCSD website that were to be done if initial referendum passed in 2019? “Seems like we were misinformed.”

Technology upgrades?

**Summers' Reply:** AP Radios are to be corrected this summer, front entrance safety remodel to be started & completed this summer.

**Oetting's Reply:** “Your SIC (HHI HS’) is a very active group. You have made yourselves heard.”

Our SIC Parents and others worked hard to get the 2019 Referendum passed but we parents will not see the benefits of a new HHI HS as our children will have graduated by then.

**BOE Member Cathy Robine commented:** We should see all the items on the 2019 Referendum Marketing List stated on BCSD website for HHI HS – Will get done.

**Note:** HHI Middle School renovation to be completed in 2024.

**SIC REPORT (Continued):** SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

**(4.) New SIC and Reelected Members** – Jen introduced. Newly elected members were seated/invited to this meeting. Several current SIC parent members were reelected to serve another 2-year term: Mike Quigley, Amber Clark, Andrea Guess.

**(5.) Election of 2022-2023 SIC Chair** (Per SC SIC Regs & HHI HS SIC's Bylaws: The Chairperson will serve for one year and will be elected at the Last Council Meeting of the school year.)  
Current SIC Chair Jen Fielding opened the floor to nominations.

\* Bill Payne – made motion to retain the current SIC Chair and nominated Jen Fielding for Chair. Motion was seconded by Jan Davis-Vater.

\* SIC member Mike Quigley expressed interest in being Chair so the nomination for Jen Fielding for Chair was withdrawn. Mike Quigley was nominated by Bill Payne for Chair. Jen Fielding seconded the nomination. Mike Quigley was unanimously approved as SIC Chairman for 2022-2023.

**NOTATION ADDED: Career Day Comments:** Due to this SIC meeting going over its allotted time – unfortunately Dr. Angie Williams, HHHS Career Development Specialist, who helped with Career Day was not able to speak to our SIC. However, she provided the following info/recap in writing to our SIC Secretary: Students' comments: "Loved hearing about this career! I never thought about the possibilities that I can do with this. / I wish we had more time to attend more than two different sessions to learn about more than two different careers" Teachers' comments: "I loved that we were able to reach all of our students with a variety of careers out there." Students wished Career Day could be all day because there were so many great speakers! Speakers' Comments: "I loved this event! The students were engaged." What can/should we change for next year's Career Day? Need to plan out months ahead of Career Day date. Need to get on professionals' calendars weeks/months ahead of time. A number of professionals wanted to participate but they were already committed to other appointments on the date of our Career Day.

**Update: SIC Goals for 2021-2022**

**(Goal 1.) Oversee Referendum Funding for HHI HS Architectural Improvements** – on going process, many steps, many meetings (Documented in our SIC's Minutes) to work towards and be able to get a much needed new & great HHI High School facility (to replace our aging 40 year school. (Our SIC's Oversight has been SIC Goal since 2019-2020, 2020-202, and this school year 2021-2022.

**(Goal 2.) Increase Community Awareness of HHI HS**

**(a.)** SIC facilitated student newspaper/journalism class last year & continues to support student written/produced HHI HS Newspaper distributed/mailed to all HHI residents inside *The Hilton Head SUN* newspaper.

**(b.)** To support parents the SIC facilitated a yearly workshop that provides parents financial tips to fund their child's education including tips to complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and scholarship opportunities. Held: 11-18-21 prior to SIC Meeting.

**(c.)** SIC facilitated & hosted a Career Day on April 5, 2022 /STEM Job Opportunities for all our 1,345 students (4/22 enrollment). SIC members personally contacted Speakers & Hosted the Career Day 4/5/22). More than 57 volunteers with different careers from our HHI local community spoke. All students attended 2 different sessions (30 minutes each).

**(Goal 3.) SIC to develop "Handbook for HHI HS Parents"** – Produced by our SIC for parents, new parents, current parents & parents now touring HHHS, "*Survival Book of Knowledge*"- serves as quick reference. Our Parents' Handbook contains definitions of many Acronyms used in our school and by BCSD. Also refers parents back to school's website for additional info. Great resource tool full of useful info. Handbook is in Google Docs for easy updating/adding to. Parents' Handbook will also be translated to Spanish.

**Note:** Our SIC continues to be grateful that BOE members Ingrid Boatright and Cathy Robine (two of our Hilton Head Island representatives) who continue to attend our SIC meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 7:15 pm.

**Next scheduled SIC Meeting:**

Third Thursday – August 18, 2022 @ 6:00 pm HHI HS Media Center.

\*Minutes recorded and  
Respectfully submitted by:

*Jan Davis-Vater,  
HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2021-2022*





# Hilton Head Island High School SIC Annual Report to Parents & Community 2021-2022



“Palmetto’s Finest” Award Recipient

April 2022



## SEAHAWK NATION

Hilton Head Island High School  
70 Wilborn Road  
Hilton Head, SC 29926  
843-689-4800

### HHHS Administration

**Principal:**

Steve Schidrich

**Assistant Principals:**

Klinton Aites

Kristen Austin

Mike Lorenz

**Athletic Director:**

Joe Monmonier

### What is the SIC?

In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. By law, every K-12 public school in South Carolina must have a SIC that is made up of parent, teacher, student (grades 9-12), and community member representatives. The principal is an ex-officio member of every SIC. A SIC may create additional ex-officio positions such as the school’s Teacher of the Year, PTA or PTSO President, or a past SIC Chair.

WINNER of the “BEST”

South Carolina SIC Report to the Parents for 2020-2021

### Purpose of the SIC Annual Report

Each year the SIC and our administration are charged with preparing an Annual Report to the Parents/Community in accordance with South Carolina law. The purpose of this report is to serve as an overview of the school year’s progress towards goals and objectives outlined in the School Improvement Plan. Inside this letter you will find many facts, success stories and an overview of our school improvement goals through which we work to improve our academic standing. We at HHIHS are fortunate to have teachers and staff who go above and beyond for our students and their families. Our community and school continue a strong show of support, compassion and cooperation. I am proud to serve as a parent leader in the HHIHS community and personally ask that you consider becoming involved in our efforts to make our school the best it can be. There is no greater reward than serving to improve our children’s education.

- Jenifer Fielding, SIC Chair 2019-22

### SIC Goals

**Goal 1: Oversee Referendum Funding for Architectural Improvements**

Actions taken to achieve Goal 1:

- Meetings with Robert Oetting, Chief Operations Officer of Beaufort County School District, to discuss the architectural improvements and the timeline for completing them.
- Hosted a meeting with a member of the CLOC (Citizen Led Oversight Committee) to discuss progress on the HHIHS projects.

**Goal 2: Increase Community Awareness of HHIHS**

Actions taken to achieve Goal 2:

- Hosted a Career Day for our students, with more than 50 speakers from the community.
- Continue to support the Hilton Head Island High School newspaper, produced by students and teachers, to be distributed digitally and in print to all residents of Hilton Head.

**Goal 3: Increase Parental Involvement**

Actions taken to achieve Goal 3:

- Hosted a Parent Workshop prior to a SIC meeting on college scholarships, admission and FAFSA application.
- Creation of handbook for Hilton Head Island High School parents.

## HHIHS SIC REPORT

### 2021-22 School Improvement Council (SIC) Members

- Steve Schidrich, Principal HHIHS
- Jenifer Fielding, SIC Chair, Parent Representative
- Audrey Clayton, Vice Chair, Parent Representative
- Jan Davis-Vater, Secretary, Community Member
- Caroline Summa, Parent Representative
- Shelby Basciano, Parent Representative
- Kristin Keller, Parent Representative
- Kristen Hamilton, Parent Representative
- Andrea Guess, Parent Representative
- Abby Wirth, Parent Representative
- Amber Clark, Parent Representative
- Jeanine Clark, Parent Representative
- Tammy Downing, Parent Representative
- Mike Quigley, Parent Representative
- Patricia Schoelkopf, Teacher Representative
- Josh Wall, Teacher Representative
- Diana Santos-Lopez, Spanish Speaking Liaison
- Carole Korner, Community Member
- Dr. Jackie Rosswurm, Community Member
- Buck Edwards, Community Member
- Wendy Serpe, Community Member
- George Westerfield, Community Member
- LJ Bush, Community Member
- Bill Payne, Community Member
- Kelly Ruckno, Ex-Officio Member/PTSO liaison
- Marisa Wagner, Ex-Officio Member/PTSO liaison
- Bill Fielding, Student Member
- Leah Anderson, Student Member

### HHIHS 2020-2021 School Report Card

As of the publication of this Report to Parents & Community, Federal accountability measures were waived for the 2020-21 School Report Card. Please refer to <https://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards>.

### International Baccalaureate (IB) Test Information Diploma Programme (DP) examination results over the last three years

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) aims to do more than other curricula by developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are motivated to succeed. The DP curriculum is made up six subject groups and the DP core, comprising theory of knowledge (TOK), creativity, activity, service (CAS) and the extended essay. A minimum score of 4 on the National Standardized IB end of course test is required for college credit.

Year	IB Courses Offered	Number of Candidates (students) Examined	Number of IB Diploma Candidates	Diplomas Awarded	Exams Administered	Scores of 4-7
2021	20	140	28	27	322	245
2020	22	176	30	22	402	281
2019	21	188	40	31	505	392

### ACT Test Information

The ACT is a group of curriculum-based achievement exams designed to measure the academic skills taught in schools and deemed important for success in first year college courses. Scores range from a low of 1 (one) to a high of 36. The 2019 average composite score for South Carolina was 18.8 and for 2020, 18.4.

Summary View: The ACT (All Data), HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL									
Showing students who are College Reportable									
Group	Year	Composite	Math	Science	STEM	English	Reading	Writing	ELA
		Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score
HHI HIGH SCHOOL	2020-2021	22.8	22.7	22.4	22.8	22.0	23.2	6.9	21.4
HHI HIGH SCHOOL	2019-2020	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.8	21	22.3	7.1	20.2

## Strategic Plan Goals for HHHS

### **Goal 1: Provide faculty, staff and students with support and resources to ensure the success of all students**

- Allocate and protect instructional time to support student learning.
- School leaders will monitor and support the improvement of instructional practices to ensure student success.
- Ensure that mentoring, coaching and professional development supports instructional improvement consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching and learning.

### **Goal 2: Provide a curriculum, instructional design and assessment practices to ensure student learning across all grades and courses**

- Utilize Professional Learning Communities and effective instructional planning to improve student achievement in Algebra 1, English 2, US History and Biology as measured on the South Carolina End of Course Exams.

- Use assessment data to improve teaching and learning processes.
- Implement interventions to help students meet expectations for learning.

### **Goal 3: Provide opportunities for students to access a well-rounded educational experience**

- Provide a wide range of elective courses to support student interests and future occupational opportunities.
- Provide educational opportunities that support students with varying academic abilities.
- Provide multiple opportunities in athletics, the arts, and vocational fields.

### **Goal 4: Create a school environment where student's social, emotional and academic needs are a priority**

- Commit to a student-centered culture based on shared values and beliefs regarding teaching and learning.

- Support challenging, equitable educational programs and learning experiences for all students.
- Maintain a shared set of values and beliefs and build climate and culture to support the BCSD's mission and vision.
- Provide services that support the counseling, assessment, referral, educational and career planning needs of all students.

### **Goal 5: Provide a curriculum and support system for students and parents of our diverse school population**

- Provide professional development that assists teachers in meeting the needs of our growing Multilingual Student population.
- Engage families in meaningful ways in their child's education and keep them informed of their children's learning progress.
- Employ a system that provides accurate analysis and thorough review of student performance and school effectiveness.

## Mission of HHHS

**The mission of Hilton Head Island High School is to prepare each student to become a productive, responsible citizen in a complex, global, technological age that requires lifelong learning. To fulfill this mission, we believe it is important to:**

- Provide rigorous, balanced curriculum and exemplary teaching
- Maintain a disciplined, highly academic atmosphere and expect the best from every student
- Foster personal responsibility, citizenship, and civility by enforcing high standards of student behavior
- Work in partnership with family and community to help each student succeed
- Provide an environment in which excellent teachers thrive
- Provide quality facilities and technological resources to enhance learning
- Promote tolerance, trust and respect among all members of our multicultural school community
- Provide a safe, inviting and stimulating school environment
- Provide educational opportunities suited to each student's developmental needs and potential

## Snapshot of the Abbreviated 2021-22 School Year Accomplishments

- **2022 Sea Island Science Fair**  
Meagan Berger - Grand Award Winner
- 5 students placed in the top 10 in the **DECA State Competition**
- **SC State Fair 2021 - 2D Art Awards**  
Skylar Bruner: 2nd place for 2D  
Alexandra Fisher: 3rd place for 2D
- **SC State Fair 2021 - Photography Awards**  
Camden Bernstein - Best In Show 9-12  
Katharine Crosby - 1st Place  
Madison Hall - 3rd Place  
Morgan Clarke - Honorable Mention
- **Drexel Photography Contest (National)**  
2nd Place - Camden Bernstein
- **HHIHS Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (Regional)**  
- 34 winners from Hilton Head Island High  
- 4 Gold Key Winners  
- 8 Students won 12 Silver Key Awards
- **Director's Award** - Mia Berenguer + \$50
- **South Carolina Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Low Country Award** - 2nd Place - Blake Hager
- **Coastal Discovery Award** - Camden Bernstein + \$250  
+ Coastal Discovery Museum is purchasing and placing two of her photographs (*Daquan & ANYAH!*)
- **High School Postcard Design Award** - Chelsea Fleming
- **CAWS N/S All Star Softball Coach** - Mike Scalise
- 30 All Region Athletes from Fall & Winter Sports
- Girls Golf - 4A State Runner Up
- Girls Swim - 3rd Place State
- Boys Swim - 4th Place State
- Volleyball - 4A Lower State Finalist
- Volleyball Region Champions
- Competitive Cheer Region Champions
- Emily Ruckno - 4A/5A Girls Tennis State Runner Up
- Drew Vigh - 4A State Runner up 132lb
- Emily Ruckno - All State Tennis
- Ady O'Grady - All State Volleyball
- Makenna Mason - All State Volleyball
- Alexia Milbrandt - All State Girls Golf
- Girls Swim All State - Skylar Brunner, Katie Lyons, Ise Pozos, Eli Summa and Brooks Risher
- Boys Swim All State - Blaise Minkler, Dylan Magda, Christian Naddy, Jackson Voelkel
- Jaylen Sneed - Region Football POY
- Taylor Hughes - Region Cheerleader of the Year
- Emily Ruckno - Girls Tennis Region POY
- Makenna Mason - Region Volleyball POY
- Jaylen Sneed - Under Armour All American Game
- Jaylen Sneed - Selected Mr. Football for SC
- Selected for the N/S All Star Game & Shrine Bowl
- BJ Payne - Line Coach for the Under Armour All American Game



JAYLEN SNEED - RECEIVING UNDER ARMOUR ALL AMERICAN INVITE; SELECTED MR. FOOTBALL FOR SC; REGION FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR; COMMITTED TO NOTRE DAME (FOOTBALL)



BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MENTOR OF THE MONTH FOR ALL BCSD SCHOOLS



FIVE HHIHS TEACHERS WIN THE BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT.



AMANDA MAGNIN - COMMITTED TO SOUTHERN WESLEYAN (SOCCER)



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HHIHS DECA CHAPTER RECEIVED A SOUTH CAROLINA DECA SILVER MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN AWARD



FALL FINISHERS WERE CELEBRATED FOR MEETING EARLY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## SC School Report Card Issued Fall 2022

### Hilton Head Island High School Narrative 2021-2022

The 2021-22 school year marked another year of Seahawk Excellence despite the continued educational challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The second semester allowed us to have a Coming Home Spirit Week including a dance, pep rallies, and prom. We continue to provide Professional Development to our staff to help meet the changing demographics of our school especially our Multilingual Learner population. We believe as a staff we are providing our students the opportunities to develop the World Class Skills and Life and Career Characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. One way we do this is with our School of Choice Program – the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program spans all grade levels in our school by offering two components: the Middle Years Programme (MYP) for ninth and tenth graders, and the Diploma Programme (IBDP) for eleventh and twelfth graders. These programs offered at Hilton Head Island High School encourage our students to use critical thinking and problem-solving skills to work both individually and in a collaborative setting to creatively come up with innovative ideas and solutions. For the first time in our school's history our graduating IB Diploma Programme students had a 100% IB Diploma conferral rate. Our advanced curriculum offerings are 31 honors, 5 AP, and 24 IB classes. Our HHIHS Class of 2022 included 2 National Merit Scholarship Finalists, 18 students selected for Palmetto Fellows Scholarships, and 85 students earned Life Scholarships. HHIHS Seniors earned in excess of 4.5 million dollars in scholarship funding. Additionally, 23 HHIHS Seniors were recognized as Beaufort County School District Senior Scholars. Senior Scholars need to be ranked in the top 10% of the senior class and achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher (on 4-point scale) in all high school courses taken. We pride ourselves on our students giving back to the community. Our students recorded a total of 20,000 hours of community service for the 2021-22 school year. Thirty-three of our students received special recognition by the HHI Town Mayor for their community service hours.

Despite the impact of the pandemic on students and staff, our Hilton Head Island High School Community is proud to have continued our comprehensive (multifaceted) tradition of excellence throughout the 2021-2022 school year. We do this in cooperation with parent and community partnerships, especially our School Improvement Council (SIC).

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) is a tremendous aid that enhances our success as a school in the Hilton Head Island High School Community. At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year our School Improvement Council (SIC) (1.) together with the principal invited our Beaufort County School District's Chief Instructional Services Officer to attend our SIC Meeting to listen and discuss our HHIHS achievement data and ideas for academic improvement. Topics included reviewing test data, evaluation of programs, and new initiatives to support student achievement. Additionally, in the 2021-2022 year our SIC (2.) Oversaw Referendum Funding for Architectural Improvements for HHIHS and held multiple meetings throughout the year with our School District's Chief Operations Officer and other District officials. (3.) hosted two meetings with member of independent Citizen Led Oversight Committee (CLOC) to discuss progress on our HHIHS projects; (4.) to increase community awareness and involvement, our SIC facilitated and hosted a Career Day with more than 55 volunteers who spoke to our students about their respective careers and occupations. All of the students of HHIHS participated; (5.) to support parents the SIC facilitates yearly a Parent Workshop that provides parents financial tips to fund their college education including tips to complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and scholarship opportunities; (6.) the SIC created and produced a *Parents' Handbook* for both current HHIHS and new parents which includes helpful information and navigation tools. We are proud our School Improvement Council (SIC) was recognized as the winner of the "Best" SIC Report to Parents for 2020-2021 and named the recipient of the *South Carolina School Improvement Council's* fourth annual *Award of Merit for SIC Report to the Parents Excellence*.

We continue to participate in Beaufort County School District's Connect2Learn Program in which each student receives an electronic tablet to access information both at school and outside of the school building. The tablets allow for the students to access information, collaborate, and create while learning to safely, ethically, and effectively utilize 21st century tools. This program was especially important for our teachers and students during the pandemic. It allowed students to continue to receive quality instruction from their teachers while the students were quarantined for infection or close contact. As always, students who struggle continued to find support from many organizations at Hilton Head Island High School. Free tutoring was provided after school and, also during extended lunch periods with teachers in classrooms. Our Multilingual Learner students benefitted from tutoring because it provides additional supports in increasing English Proficiency. We know our tutoring programs are successful on many levels, particularly with helping students stay focused on academic achievement and challenging themselves to take rigorous course loads like AP and IB courses. The skills the students learn through these rigorous classes will carry them forward in their next levels of collegiate learning. Other skills, such as communication, using information, and using media and technology are also imperative for success beyond high school. Our Journalism class produces a top-notch daily news show featuring highlights and stories that not only affect our school, but also our community. In this class, students learn to take information and communicate it to an audience through the use of media and technology. Our Newspaper Production classes once again published 4 editions during the 2021-22 school year. A local newspaper printed the editions and mailed to more than 24,000 households and businesses in our local Hilton Head Island community. Students researched topics as well as interviewed students and staff for stories that were published in the newspaper. Our Career and Technology Department offers courses that are conducive to our local economy such as Travel and Tourism, Hospitality, and the Culinary Arts.

Athletics and extra-curricular activities have always been exceptional at HHIHS, and that tradition continued in 2021-2022. We offer 22 varsity sports and 13 junior varsity sports. In 2021-2022 the Seahawks were AAAA State runners-up in Girls Golf Lower State Finalists in Volleyball and Girls Soccer. Individual accomplishments included Mr. Football for South Carolina (top football high school football player in the state of SC) and the 4A Female Tennis Player of the Year. Additionally, 15 All State Selections and 40 All Region; 14 student athletes signed to participate in college athletics in 2021-2022. Our Navy JROTC team visited 4 local military bases and logged more than 1,500 community service hours. Our Model UN team excelled at the Beaufort County Conference and competed at the Georgia Southern University Model UN Conference.

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Go Seahawks!!!!

Steve Schidrich – Principal of HHIHS

Jenifer Fielding - Chair of School Improvement Council

## Hilton Head Island High School SIC's Continuity of Work from 2021-2022 to the 2022-2023 School Year

As stated in our submitted "Case Statement" (Binder Tab #1), "**Re-Engagement**" was HHIHS SIC's overall focus and theme for the 2021-22 school year in establishing our four Priority Issues and Actions as a result of the continued educational challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In reviewing our stated "**Results**" from our "**Actions Taken**" in 2021-22, our SIC made the decision to continue to "build on" our overall committed focus and theme of "**Re-Engagement**" for the 2022-23 school year.

### Goal-Issue 1 "**Re-Engagement**" of our students and supporting teachers to improve student academic achievement.

**Actions Taken & Results detailed in Case Statement:** As a result of our SIC's successful and productive November 21, 2021, meeting with BCSD Chief Instructional Services Officer, the SIC's questions/issues related to loss in student learning were thoroughly discussed, resulting in an additional \$33,000 for tutoring, a fifth Guidance Counselor and a second Hispanic Liaison.

**2022-2023 Next Steps and Action Taken:** The following new full-time positions were approved and filled: Career & Development Facilitator; Interventionist; Instructional Coach; an additional full-time Behavior Mgmt. Specialist. At the October 20, 2022, SIC Meeting HHIHS' SC State Report Card 2021-2022 results were reviewed in depth. As a result, the Master Schedule was adjusted to create more interventions in English and Math. Also 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students take a full year of English to increase reading levels. "Reading Plus" software was initiated in English 1, 2 and 3 to enhance reading comprehension. To improve the Graduation Rate Interventionist focuses on all Seniors, acting 1 on 1, if needed. More focus is placed on the entire Multilingual Learner population 47+%. Overall, more student engagement has been evident at pep rallies, athletic events, Homecoming and Spirit Week activities, Winter Formal, upcoming Prom. SIC parents, PTSO, SGA helping with these activities. Second semester Seat Time has improved from first semester. Two HHI HS Guidance Counselors are completing the requirements to become a "Licensed Professional Counselor" (LPC) which will allow those counselors to deal with students' mental health issues.

### Goal-Issue 2 "**Re-Engagement**"- Oversight of 2019 Referendum Funding for Architectural Improvements for HHI

**HS** Specifically: all items listed on passed 2019 Referendum Funding for HHIHS - security and architectural improvements for declining 40-year HHIHS building. Previous last successful Referendum for BCSD passed in 2008 11 years prior.

**Actions Taken & Results detailed in Case Statement** Our SIC's "oversite" has been a continuing SIC Goal for the past three years, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as recorded in meeting minutes.

**2022-2023 Next Steps:** HHI HS SIC's same "oversite" goal will continue. Another Bond Referendum for BCSD must be passed in November 2023 to fund building a much-needed new HHI HS school to replace our aging 40-year-old school. November 2022 three SIC members (current SIC Chair, recent past SIC Chair, current/past SIC Secretary) were appointed by BCSD BOE members to the BCSD Community Project Review Committee (CPRC). CPRC will report findings and make report to BOE and Superintendent regarding specific school's new builds/upgrades. BOE then develops Referendum List for November 2023 Bond Referendum Public Vote. The selected Architectural firm met with SIC members Jan. 19 and Feb. 1, 2023 to discuss new school build ideas, pending passage 2023 Referendum.

### Goal-Issue 3 "**Re-Engagement**" of Hilton Head Island community to Increase Community Awareness of HHI HS

#### Actions Taken & Results detailed in Case Statement

(A.) April 5, 2022, SIC facilitated and hosted successful Career Day/Power Hour. (See Flash Drive) 59 local community volunteers and all 1,345 students participated. (B.) Continue to support HHI HS student newspaper, *The Seahawk Times*, which is inserted quarterly into HHI Sun & mailed to 30,000+ HHI residents. Students also developed YouTube Channel.

**2022-2023 Next Steps:** Career Day 2022-2023 scheduled for March 23, 2023. SIC again to facilitate and host. SIC members are currently contacting community members, inviting them to speak to our students. ALL students will again participate in two different careers/speakers' presentations. New this year several Hispanic business owners are being invited to speak, there is more focus on local professions that offer summer intern jobs, some not requiring 4-year degree (plumber, cosmetology, nursing assistants, fireman etc.), jobs that students can remain in Hilton Head Island area.

### Goal-Issue 4 "**Re-Engagement**" of HHI HS Parents to Increase Parental Involvement

#### Actions Taken & Results detailed in Case Statement. (A.) Host Parent Workshops

**2022-2023 Next Steps:** October 20, 2022, SIC hosted the most popular Parent Workshop-proper procedures to complete the *FASA (Free App. for Federal Student Aid)*, plus info on college scholarships, admission tools. **Spring 2023** SIC plans to host a second Parent Workshop on *Dangerous Vaping products such as Delta 8 and Delta 9*.

(B.) **Creation of "Handbook for HHI HS Parents"** for both new, current parents & parents touring HHIHS. Handbook is in Google Docs allowing SIC to update contents as necessary. Comments-ideas-suggestions from parents, teachers were received & reviewed. Positive reactions "very useful tool"!

**2022-2023 Next Steps:** Our Hispanic Liaisons have translated SIC *Parents' Handbook* into Spanish (huge undertaking). Handbook to be distributed/available at Back to School/Open House, parent meetings, school tours, via email & hardcopy.