

## School Improvement Council

In South Carolina, every public school is required by law to have a School Improvement Council (SIC). The goal of the SIC is to bring together parents, educators and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve our local schools.

The SIC serves as an advisory committee for a school's principal and faculty.

Unlike PTA/Os and other voluntary school organizations, councils are mandated by law to exist in every public school in South Carolina.

SICs play a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve their local schools.

The vision of the SC School Improvement Council is:

*"To promote and support civic engagement for quality public education in South Carolina."*

The mission of the SC School Improvement Council is:

*"To facilitate meaningful parent and community involvement in our state's public schools by providing resources, tools and strategies to local School Improvement Councils and other stakeholder groups."*

Being a part of the SIC is easy and rewarding. Members develop a deeper understanding of the issues affecting our schools and will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas. Every stakeholder on the SIC possesses their own unique perspective which, ensures that all students at Armstrong Elementary are challenged to reach their fullest potential.

The SIC is composed of parents, teachers, members of the school administration and community representatives. The SIC serves as a strategic advisory group to collectively assist a school in accomplishing the goals established in the school portfolio. The key duties of the SIC are as follows:

- SIC monitors and evaluates success in reaching the planned goals and objectives.
- SIC works with the committee and school to develop and implement a five-year school improvement plan.

- SIC writes an annual report to parents about the progress of the yearly plan.
- SIC assists the principal in writing the narrative for the school Report Card.
- SIC provides other assistance as may be requested by the principal.
- SIC advises on the use of the school incentive awards.

Feedback and participation in the process of continually improving our school are important to SIC members. Please share your comments and/ or concerns to any member of the SIC listed below.

Please consider joining SIC our meetings are listed below for the year. If you are interested please contact Martha Harris

Meetings: The SIC meets monthly for an hour to an hour and a half each month. Responsibilities may vary based on the issues and initiatives being implemented.

Committee members:

Monthly Reports: