

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC)  
OCTOBER 7, 2009  
12PM**

**Attendance:** Stacy Behnke, Jennifer Wright, Sandra Dill, Stephanie Bass, Ellen Griffith, Anne Addis, Pam Jahns, Ralph Neisler, Lee Ann Briley, Karin Paige, Damon Officer, Vaughan Overman, Melodie White, Nelda Kay, Elizabeth Suggs, Sally Nuss, Sabrina Fowler

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**Call to order:** 12:05pm

**REPORT FROM SIC CHAIR (Stacy Behnke)**

*Welcome & Introductions*

*Minutes:* Minutes from May 2009 approved.

*2009 SIC Meeting Dates:*

September 2, 2009 (cancelled due to illness)  
October 7, 2009  
November 4, 2009  
December 2, 2009  
January 6, 2010  
February 3, 2010  
March 3, 2010  
April 7, 2010  
May 5, 2010

SIC meets the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the small dining room.

*Training Dates for all NEW SIC Members:*

October 15, 2009 (4-6pm) at Berea High School. RSVP to Stacy Behnke by October 13.

*SIC Elections of New Members – October 16, 2009*

*SIC Focal Point: Tutoring*

Good News Club (Child Evangelism Fellowship) volunteers to assist K5-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Initial steps taken to pilot program for tutoring 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Reading Comprehension Skills. Goal is to spread tutorials throughout Greenville County Schools that have Good News Clubs.

*By-Laws Committee:*

Need 3-5 SIC members to sign-up to serve on By-Law Committee. Sign-up sheet passed around. Stacy to contact volunteers to set up committee meeting (Sabrina, Pam, Melodie, Vaughan, Stacy).

**REPORT FROM PRINCIPAL (Vaughan Overman)**

H1N1 – some students have flu-like symptoms. Sending home 3-5 students per day. Taking precautions such as sanitizing classrooms of infected students. Asking parents to keep children home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without Tylenol. The District

will offer H1N1 vaccine for students & employees in November – more details to follow. Parental consent will be required.

PASS Testing – no results received yet. In the future, we hope to receive results in a more timely manner. Scores will be either “Met” or “Exemplary”. Rigor has increased. For 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, writing portion of PASS test will be March 16-17, 2010. Remaining portion will be May 11-14, 2010.

Coffe Chats – October topic is “Math Strategies”. December 1 topic is “Keys to Raising Responsible Students.”

PTA Healthy Lifestyles Night – Monday, Oct. 12, 2009. 1-mile walk; business vendors (9 booths); 90-Day Fitness Challenge offered by Phil & Amy Parham (Biggest Loser contestants); Citizens of the Month; regular business meeting; dinner. All PTA meetings/events are curriculum-based that encourage families to get involved with the school.

Applying for Red Carpet Award (Family Friendly School). Deadline is October 23, 2009. Input is welcome.

**REPORT FROM ASST. PRINCIPAL (Damon Officer)**

Pending District approval, speed bumps will be installed in the parking lot to discourage speeders. Also, other Safe School Initiatives include cell phone-free zone and tobacco-free zone.

**REPORT FROM GUIDANCE COUNSELOR (Nelda Kay)**

Lifesavers – positive behavior program. Discipline referrals are lower.

In January, Greer State Bank will offer a savings account program called “Teaching Children to Save”, focusing on the difference between needs and wants. Available to all grade levels.

5<sup>th</sup> grade registration – correct address is crucial.

Magnet Academies – all information is on the guidance website. Applications available online beginning November 4, 2009.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade testing:

CogAT November 3, 4 & 5

ITBS November 10, 11 & 12

Parent workshop “Back in Control” will be offered this year. Ms. Kay looking for feedback from parents on best times to hold seminar. Flexible sessions are available.

Student Council offering Pumpkin Builders – money raised will go to Habitat for Humanity. Wal-Mart donated 35 pumpkins for this event.

Fussbusters – new peer mediation training program (March 2010).

**REPORT FROM MEDIA SPECIALIST (Sally Nuss)**

“Speak for the Animals” donated 25 books to Taylors library in 2008-2009 school year. Student Council raised enough money to donate one book (“Chicken Soup for the Pet Owner’s Soul”) to every elementary school in Greenville County (50+ books).

Destination Book Fair “Read Around the World” ends October 12<sup>th</sup>. More than 85 people attended the special Grandparents Day event.

Bookworm Brunch held September 11 for those students who kept a log of books read over the summer. 130 students read 2,156 books (4 more books than last year).

National Children’s Book Week (May 2010) will be moved to National Library Week (April 2010). Ronald McDonald coming as guest – more details to come.

**REPORT FROM INSTRUCTIONAL COACH (Melodie White)**

Newsletter editor for this year is Jennifer Wright.

New website software “Dreamweaver”. Noticeable improvements once it’s up and running.

MAP testing – lots of information received to pass on to parents at student-led conferences.

Science Night (February PTA) – need donations of safari stuffed animals and donations for science fair prizes.

Compass Learning – K-5<sup>th</sup> grades – available in computer lab and at home. Parents should ask about this at the student-led conferences.

**Next Meeting** - November 4, 2009

Adjourned 12:43pm.