

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC)  
NOVEMBER 4, 2009  
12PM**

**Attendance:** Stacy Behnke, Sandra Dill, Stephanie Bass, Pam Jahns, Damon Officer, Vaughan Overman, Melodie White, Nelda Kay, Sally Nuss, Sabrina Fowler

***(I AM MISSING THE ATTENDANCE SHEET FROM THIS MEETING)***

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

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

*Welcome & Introductions*

*2009 SIC Meeting Dates:*

December 2, 2009  
January 6, 2010  
February 3, 2010  
March 3, 2010  
April 7, 2010  
May 5, 2010

*By-Laws* – booklets are available for members; also available on-line to public.  
*By-Law Review Committee* – meeting date TBD

*SIC Focal Point: Tutoring*

Tutoring has begun through the Good News Club 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.

**REPORT FROM PRINCIPAL (Vaughan Overman)**

Glad to see so many parents and community members attending.

H1N1 – Taylors Elementary has been chosen as an H1N1 clinic site. All K3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students and school staff will be offered a free vaccine on November 12, 2009 from 3-8pm. Middle- and high-school students' clinic date TBD.

United Way – Successful campaign at Taylors. Giving at Greenville County schools overall was DOWN 5%. Taylors Elementary was UP 7%.

Litter Project – Staff will be collecting trash along Tanner Road on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Art Tiles – original works of art tiles have been placed throughout the school by volunteers. More to come at later dates.

Coffe Chats – December topic is “Tips on Ways to Raise Successful Students”.

PTA – Healthy Lifestyles Night was very successful and informative. Next PTA night is Holiday Extravaganza (December 14<sup>th</sup>). Volunteers needed – see Robin Broumas or any PTA Board Member.

Blood Drive – October donation attempts (79); actual donations (63). Next blood drive is April 17<sup>th</sup> at Spring Carnival. Anytime you donate blood, you can ask them to attribute it to Taylors Elementary and it will count toward our annual goal. Alisa Bridger (Chic-Fil-A) to check on availability of using donations collected while the Blood Mobile is located on-site for Taylors Elementary.

Red Ribbon Week – great week – non-disruptive and meaningful. Greer State Bank gave \$500 to sponsor activities.

Red Carpet Award (Family-Friendly School) – application submitted in October; awaiting status.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade wolves (cub scouts) – made lion to use outside as a communications tool.

Campbell's Soup Labels – we currently have over 40,000 points to redeem using the catalog. Ms. Overman to meet with Robin Broumas (PTA) to determine priority of needs for redemption items.

PTA sponsoring Donation Train during holidays. 4 charities to be identified (past charities include Angel Food Ministries, Coats (Salvation Army/Miracle Hill), Letters to Soldiers, and Toys for Tots). These charities allow all students to participate on some level.

#### **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.

Safety Patrol and Chorus – fundraising through Chic-Fil-A each week with biscuit sales.

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

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.

Building Dreams – a mentoring program for children with an incarcerated parent.

Safe Families – network of Partner Families (volunteers) who open their homes to children whose families are experiencing an acute need of assistance in caring for their children. Partner Families provide supplementary support and care in response to the needs of families.

Thanksgiving Assistance – Mountain Creek Baptist Church is assisting 12 of our families with a turkey and fixings for Thanksgiving.

Christmas – we are beginning to be contacted regarding assistance for families at Christmas.

Red Ribbon Week – a huge thanks to Sandra Dill who coordinated the activities.

Progress Reports – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter progress reports will be issued on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

American Education Week/Career Week (Nov. 16-20) – Poster and Poetry Contest – the theme is “Bridges to a Brighter Future – Inspire Your Career: Empower Your Life”.

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

CogAT – November 3, 4 & 5

ITBS – November 9, 10 & 11

Parent Workshop “Back in Control” by Tiffany Whitney

January 14<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> at 12noon

Need to advertise this workshop – available to all parents.

Treasure Trash – teaching about litter, responsibility and community effort – students can pick up trash they see and if it’s labeled “Treasure Trash”, they can return it to Ms. Kay for a prize.

Student Council is recycling cell phones and collecting screw-on plastic caps for recycling. Cub Scouts to decorate a bucket to use at Chic-Fil-A in Taylors to collect caps.

Ms. Jahns to spearhead continued collection of PopTops (from soda cans) for use as a fundraiser benefitting the Ronald McDonald House.

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

Newest set of science books (Sylvan Dell). Each book has fun enrichment activities at the end of the story – great for all levels of students – also works with website (free for first year).

Need a slide representing SIC to include on scrolling powerpoint presentation in the office.

Veteran’s Day Program – November 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm during lunch with 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

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

Need to develop brochure for families to tout the different programs in which Taylors Elementary participates (e.g., Write Ingredient, Citizens of the Month, etc.)

Science Night (February PTA) – need donations of pens, pencils, and safari-themed stuffed animals.

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

MAP testing – 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders in December – math and reading.

Teacher cadets will be on campus from Wade Hampton High School.

**REPORT FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER (Madalyn Jira)**

Gold Rush Day – October 21<sup>st</sup>

Immigration Day – November 18<sup>th</sup>

Need parent volunteers to assist with these simulation events.

**Next Meeting** – December 2, 2009

Adjourned 1pm.