

AJW School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting

January 31st, 2023 @ 9:00am

Attendance: Cameron Brice, Cameron Brice, Michelle Lincoln, Katy Reid, Emily Cargill, Demond Criss, Johanna Hartmann

-Reviewed Notes from last meeting

- Mr. Brice shared some celebrations: concluded winter benchmarks, we will have a 3rd benchmark to get an idea of performance

-Start of Black History Month: Teachers do activities, morning news will feature a prominent African American, our TV's will also have local influences and other impact of the African American Culture

-Michelin has an artistic expression competition that we have communicated with 5th grade students.

-Music students will be recognized in competition coming up with Mrs. Davis.

-We are starting to plan for next school year: budget, hiring, other plans.

-Boosterthon was highly successful: Allocated for playground, field trip funding

-Losing a lot of 5th grade parent board members, PTA working on funding for remainder of the year

-Eco Kids Garden (Environmental, Community, Outreach) Also collaborating with Furman, Boys and Girls Club. We have met 2 times altogether to come up with different committees. In the works of creating a curriculum of learning about the garden. In the summer Boys and Girls club will tend to the garden. Another partner is Clemson that already has a curriculum. Costs about \$95 a person for adults leading. EDP director would go and some other teachers were interested. In the process of getting more funds and planning behind the scenes. Will be looking into how to incorporate the curriculum into the classroom. Teachers are welcome to use the garden.

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- The other side of it is keeping up the land. KROC will need to approve to move forward.

-In the process of fixing the physical garden.

- Before next meeting Emily will be working with Mr. Brice and Mr. Criss on school updates and information.

-Discussed upcoming plans and how to drive our overall mission for next year. Continue to do PBL and closing learning gaps.

-SIC asking how to help support teachers after benchmark data. Leadership will ask teachers about needing assistance.

- SC Ready/ SC PASS how does it affect teachers? It's a pacing guide to make sure all standards are taught. It's challenging for teachers. Benchmarks are used as a tool to see what weaknesses your students have , and it's a reflection piece for teachers to improve their practices.