

SIC Meeting minutes: 10-29-2015

Present: Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Reid, Mr. Bell, Mrs. Reese and Mrs. Harris, Ms. Davis and Mrs. Rafferty.

Mrs. Harris welcomed the members and reviewed the school mission's statement and the mission of SIC. She explained the role of the SIC to the team members. She explained that one of our goals was to reach out to more parents and community members involved with SIC. She welcomed our two new members (Bell and Emery).

The goal of getting our playground fenced in along the road was discussed. Mr. Bell suggested we reach out to the Greek Life Organizations at Furman to see if they would be interested in helping us. Mrs. Harris explained that the school district will help with installation, but we have to provide the materials. Mr. Bell also suggested with tap into the network system with Greek Life for possible sources for materials. Mrs. Rafferty is working on a Lowe's grant and Mr. Rogers has applied for one too. Mrs. Harris is applying for a grant from Home Depot. Mrs. Reid suggested with check with Publix and Walmart Neighborhood, and Sam's to see if they would be interested in helping fund our fence.

The electronic sign was discussed. Mr. Rogers provided 3 bid estimates for the project. One bid was for the sign but not installation. The other two included both the sign and installation. One of the bids included removing the old sign too.

Stewart: Sign only \$14,194

St. Clair: sign, installation and removal of old sign for \$40,000.

Masstar Sign: \$20,257 for sign and installation

Mrs. Harris will check with a new company of an installation. Mrs. Reese suggested that we talk to the Enoree Career Center to see if it would be possible for the students in the Building/Construction department to provide the labor to do the masonry work.

Mr. Rogers reported that the PTA raised \$122 in donations for the sign at the Math and Science Carnival. He also shared with the group that we can apply to the School District to help fund part of the sign.

Mr. Rogers also shared that part of the money for the K5 playground was obtained by Mrs. Johnson. She arranged for our school to be a recipient of a local high school's spirit week. He shared that the sign is a vital means to communicate with parents and the community.

The boulder is here for the PTA fundraiser. People can rent it for \$10 for the day and paints it with their message. This has been very successful at other schools. The boulder was donated to our school. PTA will put a link on their website once they website is ready. We just need to pressure wash it before using it. Mrs. Brown shared that Ms. Ferrara will paint the first time for our school. There was a smaller rock with the boulder and the suggestion has been made to put the smaller one in the front office for

people to rent as well. Mr. Bell suggested we paint it for the holiday themes and businesses can pay to put their business cards on.

Mr. Bell shared that he now has some time to volunteer with PTA.

Mrs. Harris asked for suggestions for enrichment clubs. In order to protect instructional time, the clubs will meet after school for the remainder of this year. The enrichment clubs will support the G+ . Mrs. Brown suggested a cooking club. Mrs. Reese shared that many of our students are interested in being a chef or baker. A science club was also suggested. Mrs. Rafferty and Mrs. Brown suggested a home ec club. Mrs. Harris suggested a sports club to help teach some basic skills and drills to students. Mrs. Reese suggested a book club. Mrs. Harris shared that she has a format for a book club she will share. Mr. Bell shared that our school has a unique eco culture and we could tie that to the different clubs as applicable. A knitting club was also suggested. Mrs. Harris said the next step would be to find people to teach or sponsor the clubs. The clubs would run from January to March/April. The clubs would stop prior to state testing beginning. Mrs. Rafferty asked about funding for supplies. Mrs. Harris said we would need to find the funding. Mondays and Wednesdays were ruled out as meeting times because of Good News Club and Faculty Meetings. Mr. Bell suggested that we contact Enoree Career Center Culinary department to see if they would be willing to help with a club and allow their students to get some type of credit for it.

Mrs. Harris asked the members to look at clubs and other ways to expand the SIC 5 year plan. Mrs. Rafferty suggested we look to finding funding for transportation so the bus riders could stay after school and participate. Ms. Davis offered that we look into some morning clubs for bus riders. Mrs. Harris offered the idea of creating more room in the school driveway at the curve close to the road for cars.

Multicultural Day: Mrs. Harris shared that Furman will host a multicultural day and our school will be invited. We will need approval to have a field trip. Our school will host a multicultural day on Feb. 19 during the school day. Our goal is to allow parents who work at night to be able to attend one of the big three events for parents. This will also allow all students to participate.

The committee will not meet again until January/February because of the busy holiday season. Mrs. Harris asked for any ideas and suggestions to be emailed to her and she will share with all committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM