

Chandler Creek Elementary
School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting
March 28, 2019

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. SIC Information & Strategic Goals

- The SIC serves as an advisory committee to 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. More than 16,000 people serve on SICs 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.
- **Key Functions:**
 - SICs work with the school to develop and implement a five-year school improvement plan.
 - SICs monitor and evaluate success in reaching the plan's goals and objectives.
 - SICs write an annual report to community about the progress of the plan.
 - SICs assist the principal in writing the narrative for the School Report Card.
 - SICs advise on the use of school incentive awards and provide assistance as requested by the principal.

3. Administration Update ~ Mrs. Mills

- State of the School
- Quality Personnel
- Financial Resources

4. New Business & Updates

- Riley Award Presentation
- Upcoming Block Party – May 5 Chandler Creek Elementary School
- Friends of the C.R.E.E.K. (Mentoring Program)
- Communities in School Report
- Social Media

5. Reports

- Riley Award – Top 5 Finalist – SIC Annual Meeting and Announcement Saturday, March 30
- Report to the Community

6. Due Dates

- Report to the Community – Due April 30th

7. Future Meeting Dates:

- April 25, 2019

• Review Action Items for Next Meeting

• Adjourn

Frequently Asked Questions about School Improvement Councils

How are SIC parent representatives chosen?

Parents are nominated and elected by the parents at their child's school. State law requires that parent elections be held by October 15 each year.

How are SIC teacher representatives chosen?

Teachers are nominated and elected by teachers at their school. State law requires that teacher elections be held by October 15 each year.

How are community member representatives chosen?

The school principal appoints community member representatives to the SIC. Interested community members should contact the school principal or SIC Chair for more details.

What leadership does an SIC have?

Each SIC elects its own officers annually – a Chair, a Vice Chair or Co-Chair, and a Secretary. As SICs are not intended to (and should not) hold funds, there is no office of treasurer. It is the responsibility of the elected SIC Chair to preside over SIC meetings and to work with the principal to develop meeting agendas.

How are SICs funded?

Local SICs are not funded and do not have a budget. SIC representatives serve on a volunteer basis and SICs are not authorized to handle monies or maintain their own bank accounts. SICs can write grant proposals or request monetary or in-kind donations on behalf of their school so long as these are made directly to the school, PTA/PTO, or other authorized organization. SICs can also request that their school or district provide funding for SIC-sponsored initiatives such as family and community engagement events or to cover the cost of training for SIC members. The SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC), housed within the University of South Carolina College of Education, receives funding annually from the State General Assembly to provide training, resources, materials, and other assistance to local SICs statewide.

Why take the time to serve on an SIC?

- **Because** when parents are engaged in their children's education, their children do better in school and the quality of the school improves.
- **Because** parents bring wisdom to the Council. They have in-depth knowledge about their own children's strengths and needs as well as the perspectives of other families in the school.
- **Because** community members who are NOT parent of children in the schools still benefit from good schools in the form of a stronger local economy and property values.
- **Because** citizens who are NOT parents of children in the schools also have unique contributions to make to School Improvement Councils. Senior citizens, business people, members of the faith community, staff of social service agencies, and others all have knowledge, experiences and resources that can benefit their community's schools.

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