



February 2026 STERLING SCHOOL SIC MEETING MINUTES

Sterling School SIC Meeting Minutes

Date: February 5, 2026

Time: 8:32am

Location: Sterling School/CTC

Attendees: David Bernardy, Allison Champion-Wescott, Rebecca Clark, Jessie Flowers, Deborah Foulkes, Sarah Frick, Randolyn Harmon, Christy Guth, Natisha Johnson-Gaither, Liene Kukainis, Ashleigh Ledford, Chloe McGoogin, Glenda Morrison-Fair, Cate O'Brien, Josh Patterson, Natalee Starkes, Katie Stutz, Liz VanDommelen, Tiffany Walsh, Christi Wagner, Minh Wyman

Call to Order

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Approval of Minutes

January Minutes: It was moved by Allison Champion-Wescott and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 2026 meeting as presented. The minutes were approved as read by obvious majority.

Principal's Report – Dr. Patterson

- This year's school spelling bee winners were 3rd grader, Waylon Cantrell, and 7th grader, Atharva Arun; they will advance to the regional bee in Charlotte, NC
 - 3rd grade teacher Emily Hendon was recognized as a PEP Star, a recognition of outstanding first year teachers
 - Read-A-Thon begins on Monday, funds raised will go towards new library books and author visits (\$12,000 raised in 2024-25)
 - A record number of 19 students made all county band, 12 region band, 4 all state
 - 21 students made all county orchestra, 14 region, 4 call backs to state
 - Class pictures will be taken on Monday, February 9th
 - Virtual lunch and learn with the SC Attorney General's Office Tuesday, February 10th 12-1pm: *Protecting Our Children Online*
 - Utilizing PTA teacher grant, Greenville Theater's *Charlottes Web* will be performed to students grades 1-5 on Wednesday, February 11
 - 14 students placed in the State Beta Convention
 - Starting Tuesday, February 10th school will host prospective CTC families
 - While Sterling was not selected as a finalist for 2026 Palmetto's Finest, there has been encouragement to try again next year and school will receive feedback at end of process
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Teacher Share/Highlights –David Bernardy (Sterling Elementary), Cate O’Brien (Sterling Primary), Christy Guth (CTC Elementary), Liz VanDommelen (Middle School), Ashleigh Ledford (Related Arts):

- **Sterling Elementary 3-5:**
 - 3rd grade read I Survived, differentiating between fact & fiction
 - 4th grade conducted research on famous inventors
 - Sterling is thrilled to welcome Ms. Hannah Haney, newest 5th grade teacher!
- **Sterling Primary 3K-2:**
 - Kindergarten learned about text features, then participated in scavenger hunt
 - 1st grade celebrated 100th day of school with a math standards review
 - 2nd grade learned about landforms and bodies of water by creating islands
- **CTC Elementary:**
 - A theme of American football during Black History month combined math, history, art and more with everything from trading cards to hands-on activities
- **Middle School:**
 - Sterling Con 2026 was a success, hopes are to repeat next year
- **Related Arts:**
 - 19 students achieved All County Band, 12 Region Band
 - 14 students achieved Region Strings, 5 All State

Community Partner Updates

- Nicholtown Child & Family Collaborative – Randolyn Harmon
 - 19 families participated in the Parent Café
 - Currently working with an organization to introduce a robotics program and to secure funding
 - Upcoming workshops: Career readiness, Life Actually Happens
- Public Education Partners: Catherine Schumacher
 - Reminder that civics podcast series continues

PTA School of Excellence Data Collection – Sarah Frick

- First School Partner Spotlight in Sterling Newsletter featured NCFC Parent Cafe
- Subsequent Spotlight feature submissions will be requested, scheduled as received
- School Partners that will be represented on PTA International Night include: Public Education Partners, NCFC – Parent Café, Foreign Exchange Program (Desirae Riley) and LiveWell Greenville

Community Engagement Committee – Chloe McGoogin

Partners with local organizations and businesses to bring resources and opportunities into the school. Its efforts help connect students and families with the wider community for enrichment and support

- Members needed
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LiveWell Report – Sarah Frick

- SIC provided input on questions raised by report
 - LiveWell will be provided input to continue research into possible lighting improvements, speed monitoring
 - LiveWell would like feedback on the report
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PTA Report – Allison Champion-Wescott

- International Night will be February 6, 2026, preceded by general meeting at 4:15pm
 - Spring teacher grants open February 15 – March 1st
 - Teacher appreciation event next week
 - PTA requests ideas for items/programs that could be funded by PTA
 - PTA **urgently needs** nominations for PTA nominating committee
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State Beta Convention – Deborah Foulkes

- Sterling had a fantastic showing at the convention, with the following designations: 7th grader received Premier Performer, 6th grader received 1st place in 6th grade Spanish, 7th grader received 1st place in Language Arts
 - Newsletter will highlight all winners
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Adjournment

Time: 9:31am

Next Meeting: Sterling School, March 5, 2026 at 8:30am (Vegas room)