

Washington Center SIC

Meeting Notes

November 16, 2016 at 1:00pm

1. Welcome
2. Membership for 2016-17
 - a. Teachers - Cathy Bush, McKenzie Riley, Nardia Lloyd, Marisa Davis
 - b. Parents – Kristi Kingren, Susie Robison, Jane Hart, Stone Harper, Valerie Allen, Holly Kopp
 - c. Community Members – Ann Poole, Lara Ceisel, Robin Blackwood, Dee Malone
 - d. Ex-Officio – Penny Rogers, Linda Thigpen, Linda Hill, Barbara Bingham, Amy Garbe
3. Update from Dr. Rogers
 - a. Update on Nature Trail – plans have been drawn up and the final plans should be ready before Christmas. We are continuing to come up with ideas for the nature trail and working with Sara Collins Elementary School. The Nature Trail will be open to the public during non-school hours and we are deciding if we want to have electricity and about the irrigation. We are hoping to have it ready when the students return next school year.
 - b. Technology refresh happened last year and we were able to raise enough money to get every teacher a new laptop, but our iPads are getting old and we have a need for some additional technology. The Southern Foundation provides grants for schools and children and we will be applying for the funds to help refresh our technology.
 - c. SEC Basketball Pen Pal Program – We have partnered up with Texas A&M and Vanderbilt for the “Time out in the Community” program through the SEC and Bon Secour Wellness Arena. Each class has been assigned to a specific player and will interact with them through writing letters and possible Skyping, videos, visit during tournament, etc.
 - d. WC Yearbook – For many years, we haven’t had a yearbook. Two years ago Jennnifer Lancaster and Barbara Bingham headed the committee that created one and every student received one. We will be making one again this year. PTA will be helping pay for this year’s book, in addition to donations. We will probably continue to make a yearbook every other year.
 - e. Partnership with Thrive Upstate and the Stone Foundation –We will consider partnering with Thrive or the Stone Foundation in the future for fundraisers or community events.
 - f. Thanksgiving Lunch with families is tomorrow.
 - g. State Report Cards (South Carolina) were released yesterday to the public.
4. Discussion
5. Next Meeting
 - a. No SIC Meeting in December, the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18th at 1:00pm.