

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING (ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING)**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2016**  
**9:00 AM**

Approved at the meeting of November 22, 2016 - fnBelk

Present: Christopher Toumey, Parent, Drama and the Richland County area; Tamar Zwerdling, Parent, Visual Arts, and the Greenville County area; Paul Gee, Parent, Creative Writing and the Anderson County area; Sarah Crockford, Parent, Creative Writing and the York County area; Eric Johnston, Parent, Dance and the York County area; Meesh Hayes, Parent, Drama, and the Richland County area; Marty Epp-Carter, Faculty, Visual Arts; Norman Belk, Faculty, Library; Cam'Ron Stewart, Student Body Co-President; Leah Abbott, Student Body Co-President; Robert McKay, Residential Life Coordinator; Jayce Tromsness, Faculty, Drama; and Earle Oxner, Govie Parent Representative, Creative Writing and the Greenville County area.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Julie Allen, Dean; Dr. Matthew Burns, Director of Student Services; and Dr. Cedric Adderley, President.

Guests: Ginelle Barry, Govie Parent Group; Sam Mitchell, Parent; Katie Klutz, Parent; Eugenia Henderson, Parent; Dennis Mitchell, Parent.

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Dean Allen called the meeting to order and asked for introductions from those present.

**PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Dean Allen pointed to the state mandate for our School Improvement Council (SIC), our By-Laws and our unique membership structure that encompasses geographic areas and art areas. She emphasized that this information is available on our website. She also spoke about our role as an ABC school (Arts in Basic Curriculum Project, headquartered at Winthrop University). Grants from this organization provide us with funding for professional development and our exceptional outreach services which have a state-wide focus. A drama program from last year and our on-going IGNITE! Programs involving younger students are testaments to the value of these grants for our school. The SIC serves in the role of steering committee for the ABC grant.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Hearing none, Dean Allen moved forward in the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dean Allen opened up the floor for nominations for the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary for 2016-2017. Norman Belk nominated Mr. Christopher Toumey as Chairman. There was a second, and Mr. Toumey was elected. Mr. Eric Johnston agreed to serve as Vice-Chair. There was a second and Mr. Johnston was elected Vice-Chair. Mr. Belk was elected Secretary by consensus.

**Acceptance of Minutes from April 21, 2016 as information only**

Chairman Toumey asked those present to read the minutes of the meeting from April 21, 2016. Since many of those members listed in these minutes are no longer associated with the school, it was agreed by consensus to accept these minutes as information.

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**DEAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Toumey called on Dean Allen for the Dean's Report.

Dean Allen asked for some parental and SIC input for a request coming from our student body of sophomores. It was noted that we may have about 12 to 15 sophomore students in the school each year. It has been requested by the present sophomore class that their hours (specifically, curfew time) be matched up with those of upper-classman. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Gee, Mr. Toumey and Ms. Hayes noted that the earlier hours had worked well for sophomores in the past. Dean Allen indicated that the hours for sophomores would remain as they are presently.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Adderley highlighted his written report to the Council. He noted the very busy and successful summer programs of 2016. These programs included the Discovery, Academy, and Summer Dance as well as three summer programs for teachers on our campus. He noted the success of the livestreaming of events at the school, as well as the success of the summer outreach programs. He also spoke about the collaborative programs with The Governor's School for Science and Math so that both schools may offer more diverse coursework. His report is attached.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Toumey noted the efficacy of the SIC Committee and encouraged participation. Dean Allen noted that an essential value of the SIC is augmented communication among stakeholders within the school. Cam'Rom Stewart noted that beginning the school year before Labor Day is good for the school calendar as well as the student body. Mr. Gee complimented Dr. Burns on his excellent job in communication as Director of Student Services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Toumey called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Belk so moved. There was a second and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman Belk  
SIC Secretary 2016-2017