

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2017

*Approved at Meeting of March 10,
2017
J. Beck*

Present: Christopher Toumey, Parent, Drama and the Richland County area (telephone); Tamar Paltrow Zwerdling, Parent, Visual Arts and the Greenville area; Sarah Crockford, Parent, Music and the York County area; Meesh Hayes, Parent Drama and the Richland County area; Earle Oxner, Parent, Creative Writing and the Greenville County area (telephone); Marty Epp-Carter, Faculty and Visual Arts; Leah Abbott, Student Body Co-President; and Robert McKay, Residential Life Coordinator; Jayce Tromsness, Faculty and Drama; Thomas Shoemaker, Faculty and Dance; Eric Johnson, Parent, Dance and the York County area (telephone).

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

Guest Present: McKenzie Kothe, Sophomore Representative

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Toumey welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

Mr. Toumey asked for approval of today's agenda. Mr. McKay so moved. There was a second and the Agenda was approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2017

Mr. Toumey noted that the minutes for the January meeting were delayed and would be reported in March.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Adderley noted that Arts Advocacy Day, sponsored by the South Carolina Arts Alliance was held on Tuesday, February 7.

Dr. Adderley spoke about the budget process in Columbia and that the next presentation would be on Wednesday, February 22 to the Senate Finance Committee. He noted that the committee had requested that all education presentations be from Molly Spearman, South Carolina Secretary of Education. Dr. Adderley shared that he had worked to prepare Mrs. Spearman and the staff in her office so that they know of the school's needs and plans.

Dr. Adderley noted the admission cycle in process and that two of the auditions, Greenville and Charleston have been completed. He shared that school employees would be in Columbia on February 18 to hold the third and final major audition.

He noted the huge installation of "butterflies" for the program called the SC Butterfly Cooperative wherein over 2300 fifth-grade students participated under the sponsorship of our outreach program in Visual Arts. The final installation will be in the Edventure Museum in Columbia. A small version is currently in the SCGSAH Visitors Center so that guests may see a sample of this project.

Mr. Gee asked about the construction for the new music area. Dr. Adderley said that we are awaiting updated drawings at the moment and that construction will proceed soon after approval of those drawings.

Dr. Adderley noted that redevelopment plans for Greenville County Square continue. He stated that the school is hopeful to receive a donation of land.

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Dr. Adderley encouraged SIC members to note the ongoing performances occurring on campus. He shared that members should particularly note two outstanding guest performances in the preceding week: Akropolis Reed Quintet and pianist Daniel Herscovitch.

DEAN'S REPORT

Dean Allen reviewed plans for the school's graduation. She noted that the Celebration of Achievement will be held at First Baptist Greenville and Commencement will be held at the TD Convention Center. Dean Allen noted that Dr. Burns would send the full schedule to all parents with the break packet.

Dean Allen sought the council's feedback on the school's college visit attendance procedures. She noted that there have been an increasing number of after-the-fact requests. In discussion, the council recommended that the school hold to a firm line on these dates.

Dr. Burns shared with the council a presentation that John Warner, Vice-President for Finance and Administration, recently delivered to all students. It noted the importance of students (and families) thanking their members of the General Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS

10TH GRADE CAMPUS CURFEW

Miss Kothe and Dr. Burns spoke to the school's consideration of an extended downtown privilege for sophomore students. Dr. Burns noted that other boarding schools use an incremental system of later curfews for older students similar to the Governor's School. It was recognized by the council that there are safety implications for involved students. Dr. Burns took the council's considerations and will present a final policy at the March meeting.

Mr. Toumey asked if there were any further old business to come before the SIC. Hearing none, he moved the meeting forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Toumey asked if there were any new business to come before the SIC. Hearing none, he moved the meeting forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Toumey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. McKay so moved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Burns