

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 10, 2017

Approved at the March 13, 2017 Meeting

Present: Christopher Toumey, Chair, Parent, drama and the Richland County area; Tamar Paltrow Zwerdling; Parent, Visual Arts, and the Greenville County area; Eric Johnston, Parent, dance and the York County area; Meesh Hayes, Parent, drama and the Richland County area; Earle Oxner, Parent, Creative Writing and the Greenville County area; Norman Belk, faculty and library; Leah Abbott, Student Body Co-President; Robert McKay, Residential Life Coordinator; Jayce Tromsness, faculty and drama; and Thomas Shoemaker, faculty and dance.

Ex Officio Members Present: Julie Allen, Dean; and Matthew Burns, Student Services.

Guests Present: Tim McClain, GSA Foundation.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chris 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 THE MINUTES OF THE TWO PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of January 13, 2017 – Chairman Toumey asked for approval of the minutes of January 13, 2017. Mr. Johnston so moved, there was the second and the minutes were approved.

Minutes of February 17, 2017 – Chairman Toumey asked for approval of the Minutes of February 17, 2017. Mr. McKay so moved, there was a second and the minutes were approved.

DEAN'S REPORT AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dean Allen provided both reports to the SIC. She spoke about the construction plans for the new music addition. She reported that the available drawings and photo renderings for the music addition reflect the current feel of our campus, a goal for this project. She then spoke about the South Carolina Butterfly Collaborative, coordinated by our school and on display at EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia. Each butterfly (of the 2,300) is a hand-painted work of art by fifth grade students from across South Carolina as a part of a community arts-integration project, coordinated by Faculty member Elaine Quave. Other major activities bursting forth at this time of year, include

- (1) the Italy tour with a large number of our music students, and
- (2) junior and senior dance students travel to Norfolk VA to participate in the 2017 High School Dance Festival on March 15-19.

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Dean Allen noted the legislative reception in Columbia. (Dean Allen pointed out that some we have had parents who are are legislators in the past.) Dean Allen noted the President's Report as distributed at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Tenth Grade Curfew – Dr. Burns spoke about the limited lifting of restrictions on off-campus walking for sophomores during the last quarter for students in good standing. Ms. Zwerdling asked about the restrictions that apply. Dr. Burns enumerated the walking location restrictions as they apply to this case and to off-campus walking generally.

Mr. Toumey noted that the state SIC meeting is upcoming and that he may go. It will be held 18 March 2017, at the State Museum in Columbia SC. Dean Allen said that the school will pay for those SIC members who want to go.

NEW BUSINESS

Dean Allen noted that we are considering a time frame outside our normal meeting time given the constraints our present meeting time (on the cusp of long trips home). She is interested in the possibilities of AdobeConnect and that we will add this concept to our next agenda.

It was noted that there is one more regularly scheduled SIC meeting on April 13, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Burns pointed out that donations can be made to the "no drinking and driving campaign" (for public service announcements) and that this year's prom will held at the Hilton on Haywood Road in Greenville. There are many prizes for the "after prom" to be held on campus. He indicated that a Keurig Coffee machine is needed for campus and there are a couple of other items that are needed for Residential Life.

Mr. Oxner said that the new Governor has been invited to our campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Toumey called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Zwerdling so moved. There was a second and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Belk
Secretary 2016-2017