

MCMS SIC MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Information		
October 17, 2023	5:30 pm	In Person
Meeting called by	Candice Dixon, Guidance Counselor, called meeting to order at 5:31 PM	
Type of meeting	School Improvement Council	
Secretary	Minutes taken by Mary Shepherd	
Attendees	Paul Dobyys, Candice Dixon, Katie Joiner, Eric Thompson, Jennifer Gilliam, Jed Thomas, Mary Shepherd	
Order of Business		
Welcome	Candice Dixon	
Discussion	Approval of September Minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented on the school website. 	
Discussion	<p>Proposed SIC goals, an update from Dr. Dobyys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tie SIC goals to the academic areas of SC School Report Card. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Academic Achievement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SC Ready ELA (MC-62.8% meet or exceeds/ SC-53.9% meets or exceeds) ■ SC Ready Math (MC-38.7% meets or exceeds/ SC- 40.9% meets or exceeds) ○ Prep for Success- SC Pass (MC- 53.4% meets or exceeds/ SC-41.5% meets or exceeds) ○ Multilingual- Access Test (MC- 50% meets or exceeds/ SC-53.3% meets or exceeds) ○ Student Progress-(MC- 61.5% growth/ SC- 51.2% growth) • Dr. Dobyys suggests we come up with 2-3 goals to implement by February 2024 and think about what will have the biggest impact. • Highlights from the discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently, math teachers are doing professional development on small group instruction. ○ Reading Comprehension and Math Fluency are two weak areas, as identified by SC Ready. ○ MCMS students were doing a lot of IReady practice. This became very redundant for students. They reduced the amount of time to 15 min/ day and noted more success in testing. ○ Test language is challenging for students. It's difficult for them to connect what they learn in the classroom to the rigor of the test questions. • Initial ideas of the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on test strategies. ○ Provide training to parents, so that students can practice strategies at home with parental involvement. ○ Create competitions between classes/ students to motivate them to practice test questions and strategies ○ Focus on academic language, for multilingual students ○ Provide explicit instruction on how to take computerized tests. Not all students have experience taking tests on computers. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SIC members will think about more ideas to share in the November meeting
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We completed the SIC Training session. Because the training session was lengthy, Dr. Dobyne closed the meeting and suggested that SIC members work on goals and share ideas through email.
Conclusion	Next meeting will be November 14, 2023 @ 5:30 PM Link for SIC Handbook: https://sic.sc.gov/Pages/SICHandbook,ManualdelSIC.asp