

Dutchman Creek Middle School

2019-20 School Improvement Council Report to Parents



Committee Members

- Leane Skroban: chair, elected parent
- Leslie Slater: vice-chair, community member
- Mecca Harvey: secretary, elected parent
- Felicia Massey: elected parent
- Diane Clemens: elected parent
- Alexis Rainey: teacher
- Shannon Knowles: teacher
- McKeeta Allen: community member

Ex-officio members

- Clayton Moton
- Amber Mays
- Sheneka Miller
- Beau Modla
- Crystal Gantt
- Elizabeth Klipa

Priorities, goals, and accomplishments

- ▶ Using the Five Focus Areas for Rock Hill Schools (as outlined by Superintendent Dr. Bill Cook) as a framework, the Dutchman Creek School Improvement Council worked to advance the DCMS school community in the areas of
 - ▶ Safety and Security
 - ▶ Recruitment and Retention of Quality Staff
 - ▶ Academic Achievement
 - ▶ Organizational Culture
 - ▶ Effective Communication with Stakeholders

Safety and Security

- ▶ The DCMS SIC successfully lobbied and secured the services of the Caretakers of Rock Hill Schools to fix two non-functioning staff workroom doors that serve as areas for secure and confidential information.
 - ▶ The doors had been broken for “years”.
 - ▶ Doors had to be propped open in order to get in and out, therefore making the room unsecure.
- ▶ The DCMS SIC successfully lobbied and secured a comprehensive cell phone signal penetration study.
 - ▶ Cell phone coverage is spotty at best.
 - ▶ A signal booster is in place to amplify the signal for cell, but still is not a reliable solution.
- ▶ The DCMS SIC provided support for IGPs by receiving parents and cross-referencing identification with PowerSchool information to ensure only approved adults entered the school.



Recruitment and Retention of Quality Staff

- ▶ The DCMS SIC played the role of staff morale booster and support throughout the year!
 - ▶ A “Favorite” things database was compiled.
 - ▶ Teachers and staff received surprise items in their boxes periodically. All items were donated by parents.
- ▶ At least once a quarter, the DCMS SIC solicited incentive food donations from the school community and provided a catered lunch for staff.



Academic Achievement

- ▶ The DCMS SIC continues to play an important role in Dutchman Creek's continued development in the area of student achievement.
 - ▶ The DCMS SIC provides valuable feedback monthly to the instructional leadership team regarding instructional practices and approaches.
 - ▶ The DCMS SIC will continue to support the gathering of critical data and artifacts necessary for DCMS's redesignation as a "National Forum School to Watch".
 - ▶ The DCMS SIC supports the various teacher and student classroom projects and activities.
- ▶ The administrative staff provided a monthly report to the DCMS SIC.



Organizational Culture

- ▶ The DCMS SIC has developed into a true driving force for the Dutchman Creek school community.
- ▶ The DCMS SIC coordinated with the administrative staff to provide expressions of appreciation to teachers for "Teacher Appreciation Week" via a drive-thru pickup due to Covid-19.



Effective Communication with Stakeholders

- The DCMS SIC met faithfully each month (2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm).
- The DCMS SIC communicated meeting dates in the *This Week at Dutchman Creek* weekly digital newsletter for parents.
- The DCMS SIC has informally held conversations with members of the Dutchman Creek school community to tell the story of the wonderful work that goes on at Dutchman Creek and to acknowledge and solicit help for the work that is still to be done!

The DCMS School Improvement Council

Supporting the efforts of
Dutchman Creek Middle School

Growing and Developing LEADERS...One Child at a Time!

