

Dutchman Creek Middle School

2020-21 School Improvement Council Report to Parents

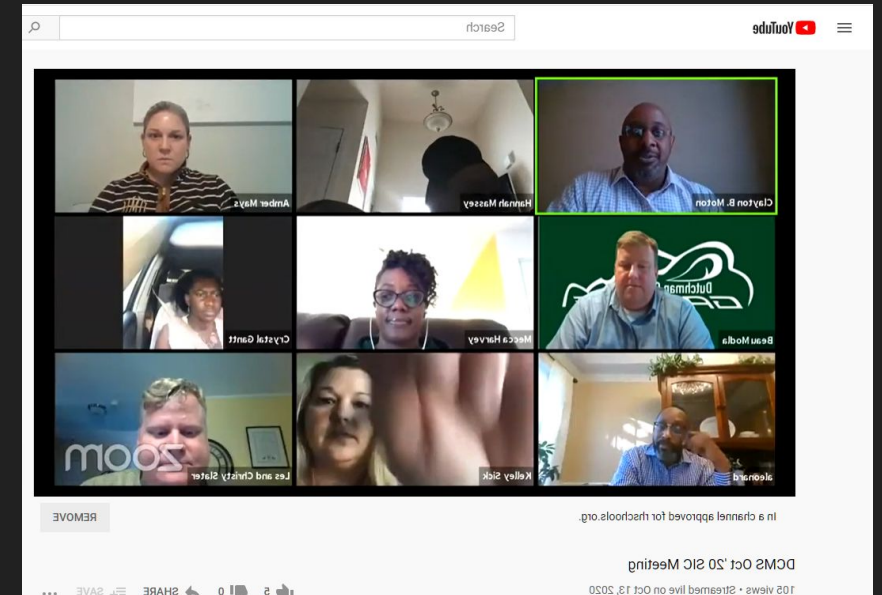


Priorities, goals, and accomplishments

- 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 continued to assist the school by providing reminders to parents and community members about the enhanced safety protocols in place as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The DCMS SIC met monthly via Zoom and provided information and updates in a safe manner as an example to parents and community members of the capabilities and practices of 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.
- The DCMS SIC coordinated with the administrative staff to provide expressions of appreciation to teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week.



Academic Achievement

- The DCMS SIC played an important role in Dutchman Creek's continued success in all areas of academic achievement.
- Several DCMS SIC members provided mentorship and support for our academic competition teams and clubs.
- The administrative staff provided a monthly report to the DCMS SIC.

 **Congratulations!** 

Here are the Olde English Region National History Day winners from Dutchman Creek Middle School:

Junior Group Exhibit: "The Problem with No Name" Taylor Armstrong and Audrey Dearborn	Junior Individual Documentary: "A Race against Fate: Did the Communication Failures Sink the Titanic?" Eden Murdock
Junior Group Performance: "Braille: The Breakthrough of Blind Communication" Laura Rae Robinson, Madden Ritzer, Claire Willis, Robert Bevilacqua, and Isabelle Duncan	"Albert Einstein: A One of a Kind Autistic Mind" Elise Jackson
Junior Group Website: "Pony Express" Wesley Howe and Branton Heid	"The American Telegraph" Yesica Camacho Riveria
Junior Historical Paper: "The Call of Freedom: How Communication Impacted the American Government" Sean Collier	Junior Individual Exhibit: "Lyrics of Change" Finley Polk
"The Father of Gullah Studies: The Impact of Lorenzo Dow Turner" Hannah Massey	"The Stonewall Riots: The Fight for LGBTQ+ Rights" Kayleigh Hawkins
	Junior Individual Website: "Communication in WWII: Radio Goes to War" Olivia Tiller

We wish these winners the best at the National History Day State Competition and we want to say great job to all of our students who participated in National History Day.

Organizational Culture

- The DCMS SIC has developed into a true driving force for the Dutchman Creek school community.
- The DCMS SIC partnered with our student service organizations throughout the year to ensure that parents and community members remained involved with the school despite the limitation of visitors 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!

Principal Moton

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This Week at Dutchman Creek!

Dutchman Creek
GATORS

Week of October 5, 2020

From the Desk of Principal Moton

Friday was National Custodians Appreciation Day!

We are thank for the women and men who keep our school clean and sanitized daily! They are wonder workers, but even better people!

The DCMS School Improvement Council

Supporting the efforts of
Dutchman Creek Middle School

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

