



**Johnsonville High School
School Improvement Council
Report to the Parents 2013-14**



Mission Statement of the 2013-14 School Improvement Council:

To address goals for the upcoming 2015 AdvancEd visitation and promoting additional programs for promoting success at JHS through a variety of sub-committees made up of students, teachers, parents, and community leaders.

Introduction

The 2013-14 JHS School Improvement Council held monthly meetings throughout the year to set and implement goals to improve the educational opportunities for students of JHS. Meeting minutes may be viewed on the JHS website at <http://jhs.flo5.k12.sc.us/> under the School Improvement Council tab on the left-hand menu. This report is a summary of these meetings.

2013-14 SIC Members

Elected Parents	Elected Students	Appointed Members
Kathy Brown	Shaina Bazen	Terry Davis
Wendy Calcutt	Preston Cook	Joe Eaddy
Brenda Hannah	Ashton Prosser	Raymond Haselden
Susan Harper	Josh Sauer	John Hohmann
Karen Hooks	Tanner Wise	Cassandra Matthews
Connie Long		Monica Richardson
Shirley Poston		James Tanner
Kerry Squires		John H. Wilcher

Elected Staff Members	Ex-Officio Members
Denise Floyd	Jessica Harrelson
Gay Lawrimore	Lewis Lineberger
Missy Timmons	Diane Prosser
Brian Welch	Renee Sanders
Susan Welch	Sam Tuten

Summary of Monthly Meetings

September 24, 2013

The Johnsonville High School SIC (School Improvement Council) met in the JHS Library on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 6:00 pm for the first meeting of the 2013-14 school year.

Mr. Tuten welcomed all SIC members. He presented a Power Point Presentation of EOC and HSAP test score data, which included a breakdown of the data to show how we received our report card rating of C (74.4).

Ideas were shared among the committee for addressing deficiencies and promoting additional programs (such as Chorus, Drama Club, and Bass Club) for promoting success at JHS. Mr. Tuten praised his faculty for working hard and doing a great job to ensure success for all students at JHS.

Mr. Tuten gave all members a copy of **School Improvement Council Handbook: The Basics**. A copy of the JHS School Improvement Council Bylaws was also given to members.

Mr. Tuten presided over the election of SIC officers for the 2013-14 school year. New officers elected for the JHS SIC 2013-14:

SIC Chair: Cassandra Matthews

Vice Chair: Susan Harper

Secretary/Recorder: Jessica Harrelson

SIC members were assigned to the following committees for 2013-14.

Academic/Instruction

Members will work to develop and implement initiatives to enhance academic progress at the high school.

Members:

Tanner Wise

Kathy Brown

John Hohmann

Monica Richardson

Wendy Calcutt

John Wilcher

Susan Welch

Renee Sanders

Student Life

Members will work to develop and implement exciting and fun student activities in an effort to improve attendance at the high school.

Members:

Ashton Prosser
Connie Long
Karen Hooks
Kerry Squires
Joe Eaddy
Rhett Salley
Denise Floyd
Lewis Lineberger

Community/Parental Involvement

Members will reach out to parents and community leaders to work toward increasing involvement from both groups with mentoring and supporting our students.

Members:

Josh Sauer
Shirley Poston
Brenda Hannah
Raymond Haselden
Gay Lawrimore
Missy Timmons
Diane Prosser
James Tanner

Staff/Teacher Recognition and Appreciation

Members will organize and implement special activities and functions to show our teachers and staff our appreciation for their hard work.

Members

Shaina Bazen
Preston Cook
Susan Harper
Terry Davis
Brian Welch
Sam Tuten

October 29, 2013

SIC members worked in their committee groups to develop goals to be reached this school year. Each committee presented their goals. These goals included establishing a tutoring center, Math and English mini classes to help with MAP and HSAP testing, generating a student and parent email database, compiling business contact information for community/school involvement, incentives to increase student attendance at after school events, recognizing a "Mystery Teacher" of the week to involve students in getting to know teachers better, and teacher appreciation weeks.

Mr. Tuten reported that JHS is off to a great start academically. All Freshmen participated in MAP testing in Reading, Language Arts, and Math. Teachers are keeping Data Notebooks to report student results on MAP, HSAP, etc., to show each student's growth this school year. Mr. Tuten also complimented the Tennis, Varsity Volleyball, and Varsity Football teams for being Region Champions.

Mr. Tuten thanked the SIC Committee for their excitement and ideas for helping JHS continue to be a great place to be proud of.

November 19, 2013

Mrs. Matthews gave everyone a copy of the 2013-14 SIC contact information list. This list is also available on the JHS website.

Committees continued to develop committee goals that will impact student achievement and develop implementation plans.

The Teacher Appreciation Committee asked all committees to help with providing Christmas snacks for teachers for the week of December 16-19, 2013.

Mr. Tuten updated council members on the JHS School Report Card. JHS received an Excellent rating in improvement and growth. He treated the teachers to a catered and duty free lunch in the JHS Library with the help of Cassandra Matthews. The students were rewarded with a DJ dance party during lunch.

Mr. Tuten proposed that the JHS SIC apply for the *Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence* during the 2014-15 school year. Projects currently being worked on this school year can be used as the criteria. SIC members felt this would be a good project to work on.

SIC student member, Ashton Prosser, was congratulated by Mr. Tuten for making it to the Tennis State Finals, which she placed 4th in the Region. He also announced that the Competitive Cheer team will be performing in the state competition Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013.

Mr. Tuten gave the news that six seniors have already been recognized as receiving the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Mrs. Diane Prosser said there are also two more potential candidates. SIC members thought this was wonderful news and a great representation for JHS.

Due to the Equal Access Law, Mr. Tuten announced that JHS will be starting a Gay/Straight Alliance Club. He and Mrs. Diane Prosser will be the sponsors.

SAT Prep. Classes were reinstated this year, which was a request presented last year in a SIC meeting by parent member, Kerri Squires.

There was not a December meeting due to the holidays. There was also no meeting in January due to the ice storm.

February 3, 2014

Denise Floyd made a motion to change the SIC meeting time to the fourth Thursday of each month or other day with a 24 hour notice. Gay Lawrimore seconded the motion. Members present voted in favor of the change.

Mr. Smiley, Superintendent for Florence School District Five, gave a CATE Update.

(CATE-Career and Technology Education)

CATE includes eight standards.

We are not meeting three of the standards.

1. Academic attainment in Reading/LA (12th graders who still need to pass HSAP)
-Students are receiving help through APEX
2. Academic attainment in Math (12th graders who still need to pass HSAP)
-Students are receiving help through APEX
3. Non-traditional completion of skills
-Ex. Girls taking auto mechanics/shop and boys taking nursing or cosmetology

We are meeting five of the standards.

1. Technical skills assessment
2. Secondary school completion—96.5%.
3. Student graduation rate.
4. Secondary Placement—92.5%.
5. Total number of concentrators of the underrepresented gender enrolled in programs.
(This is not a completer program. It is exploring and completing a course.)

Hemingway Area Vocational Center rated Excellent/Excellent this year.

CATE Funding to JHS:

-gives JHS state money of \$25,000.00 for equipment (upgrading computers)

-gives JHS Federal money of \$8,000.00 for equipment (Shop class and Business classes)

(Hope to replace computers in Shop class so Mr. Floyd can work on drafting skills with students.)

The SIC is going to be the Advisory Council for CATE funding.

Mr. Smiley also noted that there is a possibility of future money to schools if Governor Haley's Education Reform Bill is passed. (\$70,000.00 for computer upgrades as well as more money per student in poverty areas)

Mr. Tuten gave a Power Point Presentation on Academic Progress Report for first semester.

Ashton Prosser, Student Body President and SIC student member, presented a Photo Story 3 presentation displaying all aspects of student life, academics, and sports at JHS. The SIC members thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

March 25, 2014

Mr. Tuten presented School Improvement Plan Updates.

He said next year JHS will go through AdvancEd (April 2015). This will be district-wide accreditation for all three schools.

The AdvancEd Accreditation Progress Report for JHS was given out.

Page 5: Required Action 1 -Adding time in school day for advisor/advisee time (JHS is doing this through the thirty minute inclusion between 1st and 2nd blocks.)

Page 6: Action 2 –Minorities

Page 7: Action 3 –Assisting students in achievement gap (APEX in place)

Page 8: Action 4 –Surveys

Page 9: Action 5 –Expectations and Job Descriptions of Administrative Team (in good shape)

Page 9: Action 6 –Using Data to Drive Instruction (in good shape—Data Notebooks in place with recognition of students who are proficient, average, and in danger; MAP

Testing in place for 9th grade and will include 10th grade next year)

Mr. Tuten asked everyone to look over the plan and give suggestions where they saw fit.

Cassandra Matthews talked about the mission statement and motto of JHS.

-Both need to be revamped for AdvancEd

-Everyone (faculty, staff, students, parents, community must know what it is)

-Make it something simple that everyone understands

-Revamp motto to go along with mission statement

-AdvancEd will want to know how different groups were involved in coming up with new mission statement.

-AdvancEd will visit Florence County School District Five in April 2015.

The SIC members present worked in groups tweaking the mission statement and coming up with a new motto to go along with it. Each group shared their ideas.

Mr. Tuten gave a copy of the JHS Student Discipline Policy to SIC members. He asked members to look over the policy before the next meeting. He said that a few changes will be made for next year. He and Mrs. Sanders agreed that the biggest problem is student tardiness.

April 29, 2014

Mr. Tuten announced that JHS received the Palmetto Gold Award, which means we are in the top 6% of the state. He also gave an update on the CATE report. Tentative funding includes: Federal Perkins fund of \$16,650; Equipment \$25,587; Work-base \$6,658. The local improvement plan for CATE is that the Guidance Counselor and Career Development Facilitator will continue to give lessons on career choices and employment. They will hold a Career Fair on May 14, 2014, and will continue with Job Shadowing Day. They will also continue to encourage students to take non-traditional classes.

The following new mission statement/motto was voted on by members present.

Mission Statement: JHS will provide innovative educational experiences which will empower students to become responsible life-long learners.

Motto: "Empower the Learner"

The SIC members discussed the **JHS Student Discipline Policy** changes for next year.

-Take out "work detail" as a disciplinary action. It should be replaced with "After School Detention".

-Instead of days for After School Detention, it should be hours.

-Tardy Offense (Change to run through semesters.)

1st: Admin. Conf./Parent Note

2nd: Overnight Suspension

3rd: 1 hour After School Detention

4th: 1 day Out of School Suspension

-Disturbing Offense

1st: Admin. Conf./Parent Note

2nd: Overnight Suspension

3rd: 1 hour After School Detention

4th: 1 day Out of School Suspension

-Running or Horseplay

1st offense will be Admin. Conf./Parent Note

-Open Display of Affection

1st offense will be Admin. Conf./Parent Note

-Take out the offense "Failure to serve after school work detail"

Kathy Brown asked if discipline offenses could be shown in the Parent Portal. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Mr. Tuten will check with Mr. Wical about having this done.

Mr. Tuten discussed having a school-wide Twitter account in order to quickly announce such things as school closings, cancellation of sports activities, etc. This will be checked into.

SIC nomination ballots for the 2014-15 school year went home with students Tuesday, April 29, 2014, and are due back by Friday, May 2, 2014.

The **SIC Report to the Parents** was presented to the members for approval. Gaye Lawrimore made a motion to accept the report, and Denise Floyd seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the report.

The next SIC meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 5:45 pm in the JHS Library. Dinner will be served.

May 20, 2014

The final meeting of the 2013-14 School Improvement Council is planned for May 20, 2014, at 5:45 pm in the JHS Library. Mr. Tuten has planned a dinner to show his appreciation for all the hard work of the council members. Also, new SIC members elected for the 2014-15 school year will be recognized. It is also in the planning to have a SIC Representative from the State Dept. come talk with the JHS SIC members about the implementation of visions and goals for the 2014-15 school year.