

2020-2021 SIC Members

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Parent representatives: Katie Free, Hampton Jordan, Chris Long, Anna Montgomery, Ginny Moulton and Lauren Wright.

Community representatives: Rebecca Agee, Markita Bowman, Blake Buchanan, and Sally Robinson.

Teachers: Rotation: April Barber-Brown, Katie Bundy, Lauren Goethe, Sumner Livingston, Janelle Mickens, Renata Pearson, Kelsey Reynolds, and Laura Timmons.

Ex officio members: Matthew Scandrol, Principal, Felita Green, Assistant Principal, Ortega Missouri, Administrative Assistant, Lynne Trowbridge, Curriculum Resource Teacher, Karli Reynolds and Lauren Hudgens, PTO Representatives.

ABOUT THIS REPORT:

The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Satchel Ford Elementary School has prepared this annual report for parents and the community. In this report you will find an account of test scores and academic rankings along with other information about programs, activities, awards, and recognitions for students and teachers. The report will also provide general information about SIC's goals and progress made to achieve improvements.

Extra-Curricular and Community Activities

Due to COVID 19, extra-curricular and community activities were limited.

Community involvement includes: PTO, Business Partners, Brave Arts Boosters, Relay for Life, United Way, and Junior Achievement.

Awards

Awards: Bronze Healthy Generation Award, Distinguished Arts Program Grant Award, ABC Model Schools Certificate; Participated in Walk for Life and United Way.

Richland One School district does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, sex, age, lineage or national origin in its programs or activities.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.



Satchel Ford Elementary School



2020-2021 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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The School Improvement Council would like to express its thanks and appreciation to all of Satchel Ford's teachers, administrators, and staff for all of their hard work during the 2020-2021 school year and an extra special thank you for all the hard work during the COVID pandemic school reopening plans. We also want to recognize and thank all of the parents for their support during this school year. These were difficult times for everyone and Satchel Ford Elementary accepted the challenge.

Academic Information

Due to COVID 19, there was no state testing in May of 2020. However, according to the 2019 SC Annual School Report Card, the percentage of students who scored “Met” or “Exemplary” rates for SC READY ELA and SC READY Math were: 71.4% in ELA and 73% in Math. As of the publication of this report, we are scheduled to take the SC Ready and SC Pass tests in late May 2021.

The faculty continued its focus on virtual instruction for the beginning of the school year. The emphasis was to ensure high quality instruction through the eLearning phase. When the district switched to the hybrid phase, the faculty was faced with providing instruction through face to face and asynchronous learning. In February when the district went to the hybrid phase five days a week, the faculty continued to focus on high quality instruction.

Since 2004 Satchel Ford has been recognized as an Art in Basic Curriculum School and continues to be awarded this designation through grant-writing efforts. This year’s recertification is a historical moment being noted as the first group to go through the recertification process. Satchel Ford has received over \$335,000 over the past fourteen years through grants from the SC Arts Commission and the SC Department of Education’s Distinguished Arts Program.

As part of the arts curriculum, all grade levels usually participated in performances that incorporated the fine arts taught at the school including visual arts, theatre, dance, and music. Due to COVID 19, the grade levels were unable to participate in performances this year.

School Highlights & Awards

Due to COVID 19, many of our highlights and awards were not possible this year.

Highlights and Programs: Advanced Academic Program (AAP), National Elementary Honor Society (4th & 5th grades), Spanish, Science Lab, Literacy Lab, SmartBoards, laptops for all teachers and students K – 5, Columbia College Professional Development School, USC Clinical Experience School, Braves Aftercare, Art Fest, Boosterthon, and Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) program featuring Visual Art, Dance, Drama, and Music.

The Satchel Ford PTO completed multiple successful fundraising initiatives and provided support for our school programming in numerous ways to include, but not limited to environmental improvements, purchasing books for classroom libraries, continuing the set-up process for a disc golf course, expansion of the community garden into “The Farm,” and multiple teacher luncheons.

Using our garden, chicken coop and new outdoor classroom as inspiration, Marius Valdes created an amazing mural and accompanying pieces which can now be viewed in the cafeteria. Marius Valdes is a Columbia artist, Associate Professor in studio art concentrating on design an illustration at the University of South Carolina.



Goals and Improvements

Due to COVID 19, Satchel Ford’s School Improvement Council was limited in its ability to support initiatives involving outside community members during the 2020 - 2021 academic year. These initiatives included Braves Buddies, Watch Dogs, and Duty Free Lunches.

- The SIC continued to support the PTO in the development of “The Farm.” This project incorporated and expanded the existing garden at Satchel Ford, building a chicken coop, and expanding the garden.
- The SFES PTO and BSA Troop 10 worked with former SFES Student, William Hough, to build an outdoor classroom as part of his Eagle Scout Project.
- The SIC plans to coordinate Saturday workdays to enhance the school building and the school grounds.
- The SIC surveyed the faculty of their needs and then developed an action plan to meet the faculty needs.
- During the 2019-2020 school year, Brave Arts helped to provide funding for a new lighting system for our stage. When we are able to have our arts performances again, new lighting will enhance our dynamic performances!