

School Improvement Council Members

School Improvement Council

Our School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the school principal and school consisting of parents, teachers, and community members. Monthly meetings focus on issues related to school improvement.

Elected

Dorwoah Counts, SIC Chair
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Lydea Proctor, SIC Vice Chair
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Kimberly McKnight, Secretary/Parent
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Appointed

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Additional Members include:

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Ex-Officio

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Student Leadership

Leader in Me

The Leader in Me framework is an evidence-based, comprehensive school improvement model—developed in partnership with educators—that empowers students with the leadership and life-skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.

Our School Improvement Council plays a key role in the development of student leadership at Pontiac by also serving as our Parent Lighthouse Team. This team brainstorms ideas on how they can promote and enhance the Leader in Me model within Pontiac and at home. Each meeting agenda for this team is aligned with the Leader in Me principles, culture, leadership, and academics.

Student Leadership Opportunities:

- Student Reporters
- Student Lighthouse Team
- AVID Ambassadors
- Pledge Leaders
- News Show hosts
- Stars and Stripes Military Club
- Leadership Tour Guides

Pontiac Elementary was named a Leader in Me Lighthouse School by Franklin Covey Co. Fewer than 600 schools worldwide have achieved Lighthouse Certification.



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Our Vision

We will strive to create a community of joyful leaders and learners where everyone feels valued through meaningful collaboration, effective communication, and an appreciation of individual strengths.

School Hours

Office Hours : 7:30am-4:00pm

School Hours: 8:00am-2:50pm

Total student enrollment = 646

Serving students from age 3 through 5th grade

SIC Highlights and Partnerships

SIC Partnerships include:

United Way of the Midlands

Richland Public Library

Spring Valley Baptist Church

Pontiac Parent/Teacher Organization

Grace Presbyterian Church

Verizon

Our School Improvement Council was recognized as a finalist for the 2020 Riley Award for our focused efforts on student achievement in the area of literacy. Our efforts around this goal continued this year as we engaged our students in recruiting 50 Readers from 50 States. In the absence of welcoming visitors to our building this year due to Covid protocols, this initiative allowed us to host readers from around our country to share the gift of reading with our students. The SIC will continue to seek creative ways to support literacy efforts.

Student Information

Percentage of:

African American	59%
White	19%
Asian	2%
Hispanic	15%
Other	5%

Number of certified teachers : 64

Number of National Board Certified 7

SIC Annual Goals



School Improvement Council Annual Goals

To increase student achievement in the area of literacy through the work of continued community partnerships.

To develop leadership skills in students by utilizing Stephen Covey's Leader in Me framework.

To create a culture of college and career readiness.

To promote a partnership among students, parents, school, and the community.

To provide a college scholarship to a graduating senior at a Richland Two high school that attended Pontiac Elementary as a 5th grader.

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Our Beliefs

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe it is important to foster leadership by developing each student's full potential.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that communication and collaboration lead to success.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that critical thinking will help prepare our students to be global citizens.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that school safety is a shared responsibility.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that building community within our school creates a trusting learning environment.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe in creating awareness of college and career opportunities.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that real world connections inspire our students to achieve their personal best.