

## 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.

Anna Cassatt, SIC Chair  
Jacqueline Kim, SIC Vice Chair  
Gracy Ruth-Homs, Secretary  
Dena Fender  
Keosha Gripper  
Yvonne Harrison  
Kathlene Lemay-Pickett  
Andric McNeil  
Ashley Neal  
Madison Neal  
Chandni Patel  
Shaina Reid  
Amy Swick  
Sarah Venn  
Sarah Yates

### Ex-Officio

Andrea Berry, Principal  
Jessie Williams, Assistant Principal

### Parent Teacher Organization Representatives:

Sarah Venn, President  
Tari Goodwin, Secretary  
Matt Gooch, Treasurer  
Amber Brown  
Jessica Jones  
Lisa Rayner  
Ashley Saullo

## 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:

- Recycling Leaders
- Student Lighthouse Team
- AVID Ambassadors
- Pledge Leaders
- News Show
- Stars and Stripes Military Club
- SIC Student Ambassadors

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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## Pontiac Elementary



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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 = 686

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

*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. This year, the council decided to focus on creating an outdoor learning space that would support the beauty of the school and give students another hands-on learning experience. It is our hope that this garden will spur a love of learning and service to mankind among them.*

## Student Information

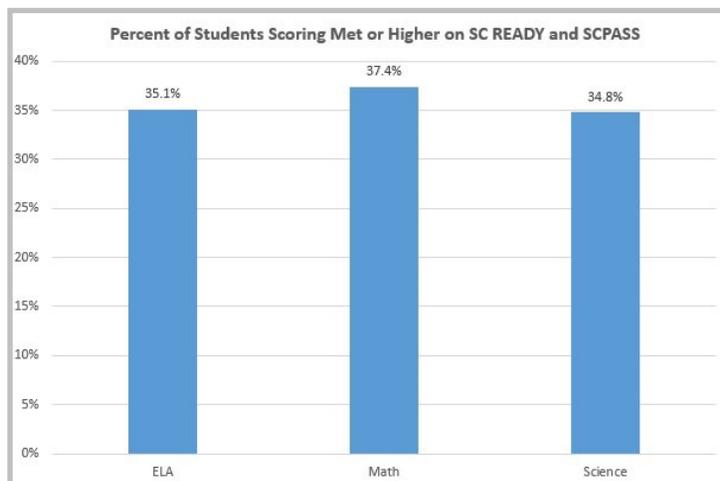
Percentage of:

African American	59%
White	18%
Asian	3%
Hispanic	14%
Other	6%

Number of certified teachers: 63

Number of National Board Certified: 6

## 2021 Student Achievement



### 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.**