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# BMS SIC Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 - 1:15 PM

## Attendees

Leah Sarantopoulos, Principal

Todd Morgan

Margaret Asare

Ashley Hook

Clay Kemerer

Sean Lafaye

Amber Conger

Sarah Jorgenson

Alex Moraitis

JoAnna Rodgers

Nicholas Holloway

Heather Keyton

Amy Tunison

## Welcome and Introductions

### Approve Minutes from **May 9, 2023** SIC Meeting

Minutes - motion to approve by Margaret Asare, Second by Heather Keyton

### Principal's Message

Mrs. Sarantopoulos greeted the group with a quick update to how the school year is progressing. Her main goal for the SIC is with a fresh start to the school year, we can sustain our current goals or determine if there is a different goal as a SIC that we can move forward with.

### Review Membership Representation and Terms of Office (Articles II and IV)

### 2023-24 SIC Officers (Article V)

- Chairperson - nomination - Joanna Rodgers - Motion by Margaret Asare, Seconded by Todd Morgan

- Vice-Chairperson - Heather Keyton - Motion by Margaret Asare, Seconded by Todd Morgan
- Secretary - Sarah Jorgenson - Motion by Todd Morgan, Seconded by Margaret Asare

## Proposed Future Meeting Dates (Article VIII)

- Tuesday, November 7
- Tuesday, December 5
- Tuesday, February 6
- Tuesday, March 5
- Tuesday, May 7

Dates approved by unanimous vote

## Review & Provide 2022-23 SIC Report to the Parents and Goals

Mrs. Sarantopoulos went over the Report to the Parents and Goals - the place that she wants to focus is page 3 of the document about the Annual Goals. Beechwood received an overall rating of Good. Mrs. Sarantopoulos would like to achieve Excellent.

Mrs. Sarantopoulos went over the State Report where Beechwood performed for the 22-23 school year. She is asking as an SIC to look at the related data that is on pages 12 and forward. This includes responses such as Student Engagement, Classroom Environment, Student Safety, etc. Task - take a look at the survey responses and then that way we can decide at the next meeting if we want to sustain the same goals or name and identify new goals.

## Open floor to any additional, immediate issues, concerns, or goals

Keyton - mentioned the Student Advisory Council - anything out of that group that we could look into and if there was anything mentioned from them that we could help in anyway. Mrs. Sarantopoulos shared some of the things that the council has brought forward that we could discuss, mostly racial remarks. The school board implemented a new disciplinary action to where the offending student gets OSS and if it continues the student could be expelled.

Mr. Lafaye brought up the amount on the state report of how many students feel about bullying and the amount of offenses. Margaret and Mrs. Sarantopoulos addressed the way that it was handled by administration and what it takes to consider it bullying.

Ms. Hook also talked about how students are also harassed when they come out of the office because they are seen as snitches by other students. Mrs. Sarantopoulos spoke about how they do their best to covertly bring students down to talk with them.

Ms. Hook talked about how the District is short on substitute teachers. Subs are not giving a good response about BMS. Mostly having issues with behavior in the classrooms. Mrs.

Sarantopoulos is going to look into the issue so that substitute teachers are feeling more welcomed and wanting to come back to sub at BMS.

Mr. Morgan addressed the way students are called to the office for issues - maybe a digital way so that they are not seen as snitches or seen by their classmates. Mr. Lafaye mentioned the app to the Counseling office that they can use to let admin or counselors know of a situation.

Mr. Kemerer addressed the percent of parents - school to home relations from 2 years ago went from 54 parent responses 62.8% felt satisfied and the percentage went up to 78.8% school to home relations. That is great progress!

Ms. Hook -a parent reached out to her about ParentSquare that she has a 7th grader that there was a grade she was not aware of and the parent believes there should be a more effective way to let parents know about issues with their students. Mrs. Sarantopoulos addressed all of the different ways that parents can be informed as well as told the group about how ParentSquare works and is being utilized to keep the parents more informed.

### **Identify action steps to complete by next meeting**

December 5th -Mrs. Sarantopoulos asked the SIC to take a look at the school report card so that we can set some goals for the new school year or sustain some goals from the previous school year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm