July 22, 2019 Minutes

**Present:** Mrs. Jackson, Chris Nesmith, Akia Harper, & Amber Friar

The meeting was called to order.

**Principal Remarks:** The district theme for this year is Premier Starts Here. At Langford the question posed to teachers is Premier Starts Here, are you ready to make your mark? This is based on the book *The Dot*.

Mrs. Reed from 3rd grade left the district last minute & unexpected due to the relocation of her husband’s job. They are moving to Jackson, MS. Her replacement is coming from Florida. Langford is also in the process of hiring an admin assistant for Mrs. Jackson.

The Admin is waiting on Spring testing data. Social Studies & Science scores are in. They are eagerly awaiting ELA & Math scores. August 5th is new teacher orientation. New teachers can move into their classrooms on the 6th.

The Back to School Bash is on August 19th 5:30-7 PM. A drop-in format…meet teachers & drop off supplies.

Kinder Camp is July 30th-August 1st

There have been several grade level changes. Mr. Richardson is moving to SPED. He is SPED certified.

August 15th- PTO is providing breakfast & speaking @ 8:30 to teachers. Mrs. Jackson asked Chris to please provide a SIC rep for that meeting.

Langford has won it’s 1st district award. The Team of the Year Award.

Dr. Davis is pushing for the entire district to be on the AVID approach.

A new student behavior model is in the work. The 7-Mindsets will be fully implemented this year.

**What is a SIC & What does it Do?** Advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. Made up of parents, teachers, students (grades 9-12), and community member representatives

Two sets of rules: State laws and regulations (Title 59 SC Code of Laws/FOIA)

SIC Bylaws Advisory

It reports on the school’s progress

Yearly SIC Report to the parents

Assist the principal in writing the narrative to the SC School Report Card

Assist in preparing and monitoring the School Improvement Plan

Develop, plan, support, and implement improvement activities

**Elections:**  Must be done by October 15th each year. No elections are required this year.

**Membership**: We had the best active SIC participation membership last year. Chris doesn’t want to alienate any potential member by not having enough info on th SIC available. The new webpage & the welcome letter should cover that. Amber suggested that we assign members to shadow SIC officers in order to learn the specific of that office and to ensure that the spot stays filled. Akia suggested that we create continuity books for each of these positions.

**Recruitment of (parents/Staff):** Send out a parent letter that introduces the SIC. Include meeting dates, purpose, goals, & upcoming events & board member. Amber will create the letter. She’ll send out a draft by Thursday. The final draft will be ready by the 12th. This will go out with the welcome packet from Langford. A connect ed message will also be sent out. Akia suggested that we set up a SIC email. She’ll set that up. Akia & Chris will meet next week to construct a Weebly webpage for SIC. We can have a table set up at the bash to inform parents about SIC.

**Business & Community:** Mrs. Jackson showed us the new business partnership plaque. We noticed that it was missing BMW & Food Lion. Amber questioned if anyone had picked up the donation cards from Food Lion over the Summer. Chris is contacting Erika about that.

**LES Needs/Areas of Focus:** the flower bed leading to the back areas really need work. We are looking at a safe, creative way to utilize the rocks created by families. Using them as step stones is one possibility. We also need to focus on the recruitment of students & keeping staff. Mrs. Jackson suggests that our goals focus on literacy (reading & writing). More input will come from the admin after all test scores are in.

**Activities:** Parent University: Jan 14 or Feb 11

Power Hour: We already agreed to make sponsorship of Power Hour a

a regular thing.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Mrs. Jackson suggested that we use the

donations that Marcus gets to go toward this. Chris told her that we could

cover the costs a board. We only contributed $10 per member

Chris suggested that we host a Community, Family, & friends Night. He shared a National Guard recruitment strategy & suggested that we invite our business partners out for dinner & a showcase night at Langford. The night would go as follows:

* Spaghetti Dinner (spaghetti, salad, garlic bread) 5:45-6:15: Catered by Mrs. Jackson’s brother
* Welcome
* Student Led Activity
* Teacher Kahoot
* Parent comments
* Tour
* The event will end at 7:30
* The tentative date for this October 24th.

We were reminded of our tasks & the next meeting is August 13th@ 5:30. The meeting was adjourned.