

Richland County School District One
Superintendent's School Improvement Council Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Traci Cooper (Richland One Superintendent's SIC Liaison) at 5:36pm.

Dr. Cooper welcomed everyone to the meeting and she reminded everyone to sign in so that accurate records can be kept. She also stated that the Teacher Cadets from W.J. Keenan and Dreher High Schools provided childcare services.

The first order of business was to adopt and approve the minutes from the October 20th meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Jonathan Kirkwood, SIC Chair from Columbia High School. The motion was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved and the motion carried.

The past agendas and minutes can be found on the district's SIC website.

Dr. Cooper gave regrets that Dr. Witherspoon wasn't able to attend the meeting, but sent Dr. Sherry Veasey in absence.

Schools in compliance with their member network are: A.C. Flora High, Bradley Elementary, Brennen Elementary, H.B. Gibbes Middle, Eau Claire High, Forest Heights Elementary, Hopkins Middle, Horrell Hill Elementary, J.P. Thomas Elementary, Rosewood Elementary and St. Andrews Middle. Page 15 of the SIC Handbook: A Handbook for Effectiveness provides the framework guide to come in compliance with the member network. All schools that are not in compliance will need to pick up their sheets from Mr. Jackson to update their sheets.

Digital Learning Environment (DLE) Update – Gary West, Executive Director of Information Technology gave an update of the DLE Initiative. He stated that 18,000 students have electronic devices and 5400 devices are used for substitution.

Professional Development sessions will be implemented for teachers on use of devices and how to get students to use the devices in the classrooms.

A federal law (Child Internet Protection Act) CIPA- requires the district to do everything it can to protect students from accessing information from the Internet that is harmful. When they are on the district's network it keeps them from getting to harmful sites and keep harmful things from coming back into the network to get to their computers. When students take the devices home, there is an application installed on the devices called Global Protect which will redirect them back to the district's network if they open a browser to go to the Internet. They must use the district's network to get to the Internet. They are protected from accessing harmful sites and getting viruses which could affect the entire district's network.

Innovative students can install Anonymous Proxies on their devices. It will automatically go into the district's computer settings and change the settings so that the students' computers will not go through the district's settings. Students create the Anonymous Proxies and share with other students. Once the AP are installed, it goes beyond what the district can do to protect the students. It is important for administrators, teachers, and

parents to make sure that students are monitored while they are using the technology. It is in violation of the district's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for AP to be installed on the district's devices and discipline consequences will occur by the administrators. Parents should take appropriate actions and report any violations to the school administrators.

Question: Is it mandatory to use the DLE laptop? It is not mandatory for students to take the devices home. Parents can opt out.

Question: If a student installs an AP, what is the district's liability? It's up to the schools to take disciplinary actions.

Question: What happens when device is issued to a special needs student? The disciplinary action will fall under the same policy.

All DLE inquiries should be forward to gary.west@richlandone.org.

Dr. Cooper stated that the district has been divided into four groups (Gold, Green, Blue, and Red). Follow the matrix to interact with other SIC members that are out of your cluster. The matrix was formed by Dr. Witherspoon, Dr. Veasey and Dr. Cooper. This will be "Speed Learning". Every 15 minutes, Dr. Cooper will sound an alarm so that you can go to another group. (see SIC Officer Governance Breakout Sessions)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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