

**Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 25, 2021**

**In attendance:** Gloria Washington, Debbie Billings, Sabrina Hydrick, John Humphries, Ariella Hughes, Carroll Kelley, Kevin Kirkley, Karen Robinson-Grindley, B-Linda Rogers

**Meeting called to order**

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gloria Washington. Introductions were made. Sabrina Hydrick and John Humphries are our newest SIC members.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved as presented

**SIC Goals**

The SIC goals for this year:

- **Goal 1: School Report Card Parent Survey** – Increase the number of parents who participate in the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) School Report Survey to 75% by 2022 and 85% by 2024
- **Goal 2: Involvement** – Determine parental involvement with the school (open house, parent/teacher conferences, athletics, arts, ROTC, parent associations) for 2021-2022
- **Goal 3: Attendance** – Daily attendance will increase, reducing truancy.

**Principal's Report**

- Dreher was voted “best public high school” by readers of the State Newspaper.
- Our NJRTOC recently hosted the district’s Navy Day. A variety of activities occurred on this week to include demonstrations by high-level Navy drill teams, bomb disposal units, drone operating teams, etc. NJROTC also recently held their annual Military Ball.
- Roughly a dozen of our String Orchestra students have qualified for the Midlands Regional Orchestra program.
- Our Marching Band and the Dreher Dance Company placed 2nd in the Lower State Championships. This is the highest they have ever placed in the history of the school. They move on the full State Championship this weekend.
- Our Theatre Department is currently working on two major projects – the stage play “12 Angry Jurors” and the musical “Newsies”. They were also the most decorated program in the district at the Richland One Theatre Festival.
- Multiple Visual Art students were recognized for their excellence at the State Fair. We were the most decorated high school in the district at the fair this year.
- Our Girls Tennis Team is moving on to the second round of the playoffs this week.

- Our Girls Cross Country Team are the Richland One District Champions, and the Boys are the district runner-up. Two of our students were named district champions and five of our runners were named all-district. Both teams will move on to the Regional Championship this week.
- Swimming update: Special shout out to Quinn Carter who broke a school record (again) in the 100-yard backstroke and Jane Koch for a 3rd place medal in the 50-yard freestyle. Our girls finished 10th in the state and boys finished at 13th.
- All fall sports will end this week and the transition to winter sports will begin. Tennis and Cross Country may continue based on their performance in the playoffs and regional competition.
- Overall, homecoming week was a huge success.
- Academic indicators such as grades and screening data in reading and math were strong during 1st quarter. We hope to continue to build capacity and momentum on these successes.
- Behavior has improved among students over the last couple of weeks. We are trending to the positive now.
- Attendance continues to be a struggle with a daily average of about 90-91%; ...this should be more like 94% as per previous years. Of course, some of this can be contributed to students being kept home by parents when they have "cold-like symptoms" when in previous years they would have sent them on to school.
- COVID is starting to become a non-issue at Dreher. We currently only have two students' positive, and less than a dozen quarantines. That has been consistent over the last few weeks and continues to trend down.
- Richland One will be going through Cognia accreditation this year. To that end, we will be developing self-scores and providing evidence in support of those scores in the various evaluation categories. However, if selected as a visitation site within the district, a group of parents is needed for Cognia interviews. Will members of the SIC serve in this capacity?

### **New Topics/General Discussion**

The next two SIC meetings for November and December are both scheduled during the breaks. It was decided the November meeting will be held on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 5:30. Instead of using Teams, Debbie Billings will let the SIC use her Zoom account for the meeting.

There will not be a December meeting.

The January meeting will be Monday, January 24, 2022

In regards to doing something for National Education Week Gloria will reach out to the PTO and Foundation to see if we can work with them to do something for Dreher faculty and staff.

Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting Monday, November 29, 2021 at 5:30**