

**Barnwell Elementary School
School Improvement Council**

March 7, 2022 (Meeting held via Google Meet)

Welcome
School Updates
Discussion of Title I Plans for 2022-23
Discussion of School Renewal Goals
Future Projects/Items to Research
Adjourn

Attending: Kay Gooding, Jared Thrasher, Denise Parker, Michaela Mitchell, Felecia Hartzog

Kay Gooding called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

She welcomed the members in attendance and discussed school updates.

- Feb 8th- facility walkthrough by the district to check the facility for major needs. They also looked for minor fixes, and the report included only minor needs.
- We raised between \$700 and \$800 from the Valentines Day CandyGram fundraiser.
- 2-22-22 was a success and the students all had a great time.
- The outdoor classrooms are now complete, and teachers can sign up for use. We now have four outdoor classrooms located around the school. The outdoor chalkboards are being mounted this week.
- We have three teacher cadets from BHS in the building every Monday.
- Several other schools have come to observe how we do things at BES.
- Abii robots have expanded from only 4th grade to now 5th grade as well.
- Ms. Parker did a Bottle Biography project that went great.
- 6th graders participated last Friday, March 4th in a presentation from Mindy Sandifer of the Barnwell County Career Center about seeds and plants. Mrs. Hartzog mentioned how awesome of an opportunity this was.
- Bingo-for-books was a big success. It was conducted virtually and the students and parents loved it.

Third Quarter Awards will be presented in homerooms as opposed to an award's day.

Parent conferences will occur on March 21st for students in danger of failing.

March Madness events will begin in a few weeks. Ms. Parker has a book contest and other events will take place.

STEM night is scheduled for this month.

Title I plans were discussed. Ms. Gooding explained in detail what Title I is and how funding from this helps our school in many ways. These have allowed us to hire 4 teachers to limit class sizes, increase classroom libraries, and improve parental involvement. No one had anything else to add or any ideas for additional items for the Title I plan.

Ms. Gooding shared this year's school renewal plan. The three main components are: Student Achievement, Teacher and Administrator Quality, and School Climate. She went through each of these three components and quickly highlighted the many ways we are addressing and striving to achieve each goal. Areas of need are: improving instruction in order to increase student achievement, recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers, and improving school climate. Multiple sources of data are analyzed to determine the effectiveness of the plan, such as STAR and SCReady/SCPASS, student surveys, parental surveys, staff surveys, etc. There were no questions about the plan.

No future items were brought forth.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 am.