

Fountain Inn High School

September 16, 2025

8:00am at FIHS

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. 18 in attendance - Staff, student, parents, grandparents, community members
2. Approval of [August minutes](#)
 - a. Approved - no changes or additions
3. Principal's Report Stephanie Smith, Principal
 - a. 5 weeks in
 - b. Celebrated Superintendent's Breakfast
 - i. Appreciation to everyone who supported
 - ii. Student work on display for centerpieces
 1. CTE Projects, employability student work
 2. Celebrated with the community for different things including test scores, etc.
 - iii. Canned Food Drive for Cross Country
 1. Competing against other schools
 - a. Drop off at the school if interested in donating
 - iv. NHS Field of Flags
 1. Donations to cover our front lawn with flags for Veteran's Day
 - v. Fury Football this week
4. Guidance Updates Katlyn Marion, Counseling Director
 - a. School Counselor on call at all times
 - b. IGP meetings beginning - Individual Graduation Plan
5. Student Council Updates Nikki Wu & Lillian Fortenberry, StuCo
 - a. Sept 5th we had our first pep rally
 - i. Announced our Freshman Council Members
 - b. Homecoming calendar announced
 - i. T Shirt sales, dance sales going on now
6. Athletic Booster Updates Russell Alexander, Booster Club President
 - a. Largest gate for first home game

b. Good concession sales

7. PTSA Updates

Michelle LaStringer, PTSA President

a. Senior Sunrise, Superintendent's prep, first football game on the agenda at last meeting

8. Discussion & Announcements

a. Cross Country is hosting a [Food Drive Competition](#) - it's FIHS against 6 other schools (Hillcrest, Eastside, Westside, Riverside, Palmetto and Abbeville). The school that brings in the most donations earns bragging rights and brings home a trophy! Also, and most importantly, the donations are benefiting a fantastic, local organization, Center for Community Services.

Center for Community Services provides on average 225 food boxes a month to families in need in our community. Each food box provides 3-5 days of food. In 2024, they helped serve over 4,500 families.

The Details:

1. The Food Drive runs through October 1st
2. Non-perishable food donations accepted - canned goods, pasta, rice, peanut butter, jelly, etc. (specifics in the graphics)
3. Donations collected near the Media Center
4. Collect 4,000 donations, as a school, to see teachers pried in the face at the 10/3 Pep Rally

Help us restock their food bank shelves AND let's OUTRUN the other schools. We are #Fury US.

b. Election Update

- i. [By-Laws](#) & [Handbook](#)
- ii. Proposal: Amy will contact those nominated to submit a brief statement about themselves & why they want to serve by Wed, Sept 24. Ballot will go in phone call/email home on both Sun, Sept 28 and Sun, Oct 5, with elections closing Wed, Oct 8. Amy will contact winners on Thurs, Oct 9 or Fri, Oct 10 with announcement in phone call/email on Sun, Oct 12. At the next SIC meeting on Oct 21, members will elect Chair, Co-Chair, and possibly Secretary.
- iii. Multiple people interested

c. [Committee Work](#)

- i. Family & Community Engagement Travis Lane
- ii. School Counseling Katlyn Marion
- iii. Core Values Dave Arnold
 - 1. Done a great job in establishing and implementing the core values and incorporating them
 - 2. Direction with Core Value use has a clear mission at this point
 - 3. Next charge: Community Care team that our staff is interested in joining
 - a. Meeting next week to design what it looks like to celebrate teachers in these values
 - b. 8 or 9 teachers currently
 - c. Framework has helped us with our initiatives
 - i. Power of 5
 - 1. If we follow the 4 core values, we establish 1 student connection
 - d. We have a Mental Health Counselor on campus full time
 - i. Community speakers come in in regards to that need
 - 1. Seeing need for some support for families, not just students
 - ii. Possibly a need for a committee shift towards this
 - iii. Want to marry two, kids involved in everything and the kids involved in nothing
 - 4. We do have peer mentors and peer buddies but we want to open up to a larger scope and get community involvement
 - 5. Student community help needs
 - a. Student engagement focus - students don't participate, but we try to encourage them to learn traditions
 - b. Freshman success classes are amazing to help embedding what FIHS does

- c. We have 5 foreign exchange students that we are trying to help embrace what our traditions look like
 - i. Germany, France, Spain, and Portugal

9. Public Comment

a. Oct 15 Industry Advisory Committee

- i. 9:00-11:00
- ii. Lacking medical professionals
 - 1. If you know anyone helping to bridge that gap
- iii. Anyone involved in our CTE career fields, we would love to help our students get career-ready
- iv. Guest speakers, field trip opportunities, teacher support to prepare the students for next steps

10. Adjourn

Google Meet Info (for those unable to attend in person)

To join the video meeting, click this link: <https://meet.google.com/nud-ryxn-por>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 575-914-2320 and enter this PIN: 456 835 356#

2025-26 Meeting Dates

Third Tuesday of the month at 8:00am

- August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16
- January 20
- February 17
- March 24 (fourth Tuesday due to Spring Break)
- April 21