

**Barnwell Elementary School
School Improvement Council**

November 1, 2021 (Meeting held via Google Meet)

Agenda: Welcome
Election of new officers for the 2021-2022 academic year
School Updates
Future Projects/Items to Research
Adjourn

Attending: Jared Thrasher, Vickie Black, Denise Parker, Michaela Mitchell, Stephanie Creech

Jared Thrasher called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

He welcomed all committee members and all members present introduced themselves. Mr. Thrasher began the process of electing officers. Mrs. Black nominated Mr. Thrasher to be Secretary and Ms. Mitchell seconded that vote. Mr. Thrasher listed the other members eligible for nomination.

Mr. Thrasher nominated Mrs. Hindman for Chairperson and Mrs. Black seconded the vote. Mr. Thrasher called for any other nominees for chairperson. There was no second person nominated.

Mr. Thrasher formally nominated Mrs. Black as Vice Chairperson and Ms. Parker seconded the vote. Mr. Thrasher called for any other nominees for Vice Chairperson. There was no second person nominated.

Mr. Thrasher highlighted many of the most recent goings-on at BES: Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Nuno's classes performance on MobyMax and their rewards. 6th Grade had Marcus Amaker, Charleston's Poet Laureate, meet virtually for a session. Talked about our SRO, Officer Allen, working with 5th Graders. 5th Graders worked on inventions. Coach Chestnut has conducted an archery unit, and it has been well received; the students love it. Fall Carnival was rescheduled (due to inclement weather) to this Thursday, November 4. Mr. Thrasher asked that we promote the rescheduled date on social media and by word of mouth. Ms. Parker had a Pumpkin Patch of Book Characters -- 25 students turned in pumpkins, and she said that was a huge success. We rounded out the last week of October with Red Ribbon Week.

Mr. Thrasher gave information about the district Cognia visit this week. Tomorrow will be staff interviews and Wednesday will be parent interviews.

On November 17, it's "Dress as Your Future Self" Day for our kids to dress up for the career they'd like to have in the future.

Mr. Thrasher asked if there were any other school updates anyone would like to share.

Mr. Thrasher talked about 2 big projects currently going on: the storage building outside on the 4th grade hill. The foundation has been poured. The 4th Grade STEM classes are participating in a playground design challenge with Mrs. Gardner. All of the PTO fundraising is going toward new playground equipment.

Mr. Thrasher asked if anyone would like to introduce any action steps for further research for the next meeting. No new action items were brought forth.

The next meeting will be held December 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 am.