



**School Improvement Council
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026
8:00am**

Welcome—Attendees

SIC Board/parents: Emily Finefrock (president), Jennifer James (secretary)

MRES Staff: Brittany Bynum (teacher), Jennifer Finley (teacher/parent), Gina Kinkaid (school counselor), Emily Modlin (occupational therapist/parent), Nina Spataro (teacher/parent), Morgan Warner (principal), Alex Zimmerman (speech & language pathologist)

Parents/Family: Eric Adams, Jamie Brown, Jen Fail, Christina Kerwin (PTA Board), Hayley Raymond (PTA Board), Vickie West, Stacie Wick

Community Partners: April Johnson (Grace Church), Jack Long (Seacoast Church), Jason Yon (Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church)

Principal Report—Morgan Warner

- MLL Access testing for multilingual students is still in progress due to inclement weather.
 - Computer based, small group testing assesses reading, writing, listening, speaking.
- The 2026 South Carolina School Climate Report Card Survey is upcoming:
 - Allows MRES families and teachers to share feedback impacting the SC School Report Card and helps guide school improvement efforts.
 - Open to parents 2/23-4/17, and students and teachers 3/30-4/10.
- Week of 2/9 was our first full week of in-person class this year due to holidays and inclement weather.
 - Teachers are restructuring their plans to fill the gaps caused by snow days.
- The Silent Disco, raising funds for the music program, has been rescheduled to 2/19.
- Mrs. Kincaid has arranged for an internet safety class to be presented to 3rd–5th grades by a former police officer before spring break.
 - She will share info from the presentation with parents.
- Multicultural Night is scheduled for 3/26:
 - Will include Parade of Nations, performance, snacks.
 - Contact your child's teacher to discuss incorporating your culture.
 - Looking for sponsors for themed Year of the Mustang 2026 shirt, planned to be available during event.

School Counseling Report—Gina Kinkaid

- There will be an info session for mentoring 2/27 at 08:00 a.m. to discuss what the role entails:
- Mentors sit with a student once a week for 30 minutes with the goal of providing a positive role model.
- Games are available for mentors and students to play as icebreakers.
- Mrs. Kinkaid is working to have the Swamp Rabbit bullying prevention program come in March with their mascot Stomper.
- Still instructing Erin's law due to inclement weather.
- Fifth graders are visiting and registering for middle school.

PTA Report—Hayley Raymond

● PTA Upcoming Events:

- Goodies with the Girls—A Galentine Breakfast: February 12 for K3–2nd grades and February 13 for 3rd–5th grades.
 - Starbucks is donating a portion of coffee and pastries.
- Skate Night is 2/26.
 - \$5 to rent skates.
- Bingo Night is March 10.
 - Fun family night with dinner and prizes.

● PTA Spirit Store is live, featuring sweatshirts, hats, and other school gear.

SIC Current Goals Report—Emily Finefrock

● Garden/outdoor cleanup day scheduled for March 14 from 09:00 – 12:00.

- Seacoast, Mitchell Road Presbyterian, and Grace Church have agreed to volunteer.
- Mr. Yon will help coordinate church resources with Mrs. Johnson (Grace Church) and Mr. Long (Seacoast Church).
- Seacoast will provide a portion of mulch for the project.
- Mitchell Road Presbyterian will consider donating additional mulch.
- Churches will request donations of nursery items, and to borrow tools and pressure washers for the project.
- SIC will make list of necessary equipment and manpower and organize the flow of work.
- A flyer and Signup Genius link will be distributed.
- PTA has purchased a gaga ball pit that will be installed during this event.
- Discussion on how to brighten up the grounds and make them more functional with the addition of murals, and games or fun learning resources painted in the courtyard (ex. hopscotch, maze, 100s chart).

● Working to connect with Michelin as a corporate sponsor

- Will consider monthly sponsors. For example, ReWa, Swamp Rabbits and Clemson have provided rotating sponsorships for Fisher Middle School.

Community Partners Report—Vickie West

- Hunter West has been working with the DOT on the school crossings.
 - To date, two new crossing signs have been installed on Mitchell Road.
 - Hunter is working to get the crosswalks repainted.
 - The Wests are reaching out to our GCS School Board Member Lynda Leventis-Wells for additional support.

Questions/Comments/New Business—Jennifer James

SIC Meetings for the 2025/26 school year will take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

Upcoming meeting dates:
Tuesday, March 10; Tuesday, April 14; Tuesday, May 12