




South Charlotte Middle  
School Improvement Team  
December 2, 2024

Members Present (check if present)

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| x | Lisa Bailes      | x | Christy Gannon     |   | Angela Mallette  |   | Giada Pozzo    |
| x | Elizabeth Clarke |   | Mark Hicks         | x | Whitney Matthews | x | Tamika Watkins |
|   | Amanda Daniels   | x | Catherine Laurenzi | x | Lisa Newberger   | x | Kim Young      |
| x | Janelle Davis    |   |                    |   |                  |   |                |

| Topic  | Notes   |
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| <b>Approval of Minutes</b><br>Christy Gannon       | <br>motion approved and seconded.   |
| <b>WINS</b>  | Shout out to our Shocking Shockers and students excelling in sports, the arts, in classes, and in their personal endeavors. Shout out to Mrs. Bailes for our study hall the day before Thanksgiving break.<br>Shout out to 8th grade student who has moved to next stage of DAR Essay Contest. 8th grade ELA did really well on MVPA #1. Shout out to Ms. Gannon and Ms. Davis for being SCMS representatives on Parent Advisory Council.   |
| <b>School Improvement Plan</b><br>Whitney Matthews | SIP Goal: Our chronic absenteeism(CA) rate will reduce from 21.6 in 23-24 to 16% in 24-25.<br>As of 12/2/24 our CA is 17.02%<br>Attendance update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student services considers current CA students as well as students who were CA last year to determine which students to support regarding attendance.</li> <li>● Counselors have created interventions for students who ended up CA last year.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attendance buddies - a staff member checks in with a student.</li> <li>○ Ms. Berger, Social Worker, will start a group to meet regularly with students.</li> <li>○ Counselors have completed about 7 home visits.</li> <li>○ Two ARC conferences held so far. ARC conference is step before truancy is filed. Student absences are tracked closely for 30 days.</li> <li>○ Incentive: Perfect attendance will be tracked through homeroom. Student leader will keep track of HR's attendance. Monthly reward will be given. Possibly form a committee of students to help with incentives.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>2025-2026 Course Scheduling Process</b><br/>Whitney Matthews</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NC is moving from Powerschool to Infinite Campus.</li> <li>● Course scheduling will be completed much earlier than past years. Last year's June 14 deadline is now March 28.</li> <li>● January 14 - Rising 7th and 8th Grade Parent Night</li> <li>● Course selection will happen online (Google Form and Powerschool)</li> <li>● Counselors welcome feedback from parents regarding how to explain to parents how to override a course selection based on the rubric.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggestion: get a parent to confirm parent saw/is aware of final schedule.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Early or mid February - Rising 6th grade visit and parent night</li> <li>● High School Registration             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Late Quarter 2 (end of January) - Ms. Parkes will speak to 8th grade students to explain high school registration process. 8th grade students will register through Naviance, a career exploration software.</li> <li>○ Counselors from Ballantyne Ridge and Providence will meet with 8th grade students individually</li> <li>○ Ballantyne Ridge will open building for families to visit- Feb. 13 and 18</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Bond Project</b><br/>Lisa Bailes</p>                             | <p><a href="#">2023 Bond Projects Principal Toolkit</a><br/>South Charlotte Middle is scheduled to have a new building.<br/> Copy of South Charlotte Middle School_2023 Bond Refere...</p>   |
| <p><b>Title IX Quarter 2 Update</b><br/>Kim Young</p>                  | <p> SCMS 2024-2025-SLT Title IX Slides- Quarter 2<br/>Slide show was presented. At this time we have 0 reports of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination. A process will begin in January where when new students enroll, they are given the Title IX course within a week of their enrollment.</p>  |
| <p><b>PTO Report</b><br/>Janelle Davis</p>                             | <p>We finished Helping Hands - there were enough cards to give each family a gift card. \$3200 was raised. Account is still open to receive donations. More gift cards may be given out for the December holidays.<br/>Chick-Fil-A gave enough gift cards for all Q1 honor roll students.<br/>December 12 - PTO Luncheon and Cookie Swap</p>  |
| <p><b>Principal's Report</b><br/>Lisa Bailes</p>                       | <p>Student glow party (11/26) was big success! Glow party was to celebrate their academic success.<br/>SCMS will host the Performance Area B Middle School Spelling Bee on Dec. 12.<br/>Dance this Friday.<br/>Basketball season begins - first home game next week.</p>  |

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**Future SIT Dates:**

- Monday, January 13
- Monday, February 3
- Monday, March 3
- Monday, April 7
- Monday, May 5
- Wednesday, June 11