

# East Mecklenburg High School School Improvement Team

September 14, 2020

## MINUTES

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chelsea Mellon, Chair, at 6:02 pm.

**Attendance** (Check mark- present, circle- absent):

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| ✓ Chelsea Mellon, Chair  | ✓ Yolonda P Holmes    |
| ✓ Kathryn Thompson Bauer | ✓ Kimberly Letourneau |
| ✓ Richard Bohan          | ✓ Amy Mazza           |
| ✓ Amiee Brietz           | ✓ Cynthia Miller      |
| ○ Sydney Burgess         | ✓ Rick Parker         |
| ✓ Peter Carney           | ○ Gail Shelton        |
| ✓ Robert Freeman         | ✓ Jenise Tate         |
| ○ Letha Gordon           | ✓ Yolanda Whitley     |
| ✓ Sue Hanley             |                       |

**Welcome/ Introductions:** The Chair welcomed all members to the first meeting of the EMHS School Improvement Team for the 2020-2021 school year. Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of June 2020 meeting minutes:** We haven't located the minutes from that meeting yet. This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

*Related Note: The minutes have not been located. The general consensus is most of the meeting was end of year discussion, especially on remote learning aspects of the prior semester, with no action taken on any of the discussion.*

*The sole action item was the election of Chelsea Mellon as Chair, Sue Hanley as Vice-Chair, and Peter Carney as Secretary. By approving these minutes, the SIT affirms the election as the sole action item from the June 2020 meeting.*

**Meeting Date Change:** The meeting shown for October 19 has been moved to October 12.

**PTSO report** (Chelsea Mellon): The latest PTSO meeting was summarized including, virtual learning, Senior Night, approval of new SIT members, Curriculum Night, supporting the EMHS community and WiFi hotspots were covered. (No SIT action taken.)

Wireless companies have made WiFi hotspots available to those without internet access at home. These hotspots have a data limit of 10 gigabytes per month, which is sufficient for online learning.

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However, there is concern that some of these hotspots are being used for purposes other than online learning, leaving some students without internet access in the latter part of the month.

**Principal's report** (Rick Parker): Curriculum Night will be recorded video that can viewed on demand. CMS requires a minus of 40 minutes of synchronous learning in each block each day. EMHS is using 40 minutes synchronous and 35 minutes asynchronous. Wellness Wednesday is in violation of CMS board policy. Discussions are underway to allow for this program to be held in a manner consistent with board policy. There is concern across CMS regarding computer screen time with efforts underway to reduce the amount of screen time. Title IX lesson is on bullying and harassment. GPS (Growth Performance System) remediation is being held every Wednesday during homeroom. Finally, it was mentioned that the Athletics Department is challenged by the lack of revenue from its two primary sources of gate and concession revenues during virtual learning times. (No SIT action taken.)

**School Improvement Plan** (Kathryn Bauer): IndiStar was used to present summary information about EMHS. Yolanda Whitley assisted in the presentation of information. Behavioral standards along with consequences for both synchronous and asynchronous learning were presented. 93% of expected students are attending classes remotely. Total enrollment is 2,154 with 864 on full remote. The A, B, C groups for rotating in class instruction later in the year are around 450 each. Only 33 expected students are total no shows. (No SIT action taken.)

**Other business:** As there was considerable discussion on several topics, centering on remote learning and pandemic issues, the idea of additional breakout discussion sessions by subsets of the full SIT on topics of interest was favorably received. This will be brought up at a future meeting for action.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Carney, Secretary

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