

**A.R. Rucker Middle School
S.I.C. Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2016**

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Ashley Dover; Vice Chair; Teacher
 - Linda Icard; Chair; EOSL Teacher
 - Anita Watts; Principal
 - Latoya Curry; Secretary
 - April Mathis; Parent
 - Phil Scott; Parent
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Approved
- **Notes From District SIC meetings-Dover**
 - The meeting was held at Lancaster High School.
 - Toured the career center.
 - The career center will offer Electricity, Auto Mechanics to members of the community for free.
 - It will be a total of four(4) classes they will offer.
- **Student Meeting Overview**
 - There was a student survey given at A.R. Rucker Middle.
 - The survey was anonymous, they were given 8 questions.
 - Different Ethnic backgrounds.
 - Some of the things the students like are: teachers, dances, the school being clean, pep rally, friends, french fries, exploratory classes, field trips, RAM time, locker breaks, whole school, café in the morning, sports, library, Basketball team.
 - This responses came from 6- 8 grade.
 - Some of the changes the students would like to A.R. Rucker are: better books, better food, be able to listen to music, more freedom in class, rules for blocks, no

uniforms, to teams, more dress down days, no homework.

- Some of the Incentives they would like to A. R. Rucker are: T-shirt day, platinum Thursday jean day, real food and sweets, ram bucks, extra RAM, recognition for things you do.
- **Teacher/Student Communication:** Some students feel that teachers don't have classroom control, some teachers don't understand what the students are saying, the teachers have favorites, good when students ask questions at the appropriate time.
- The students feel that HW takes too long. Takes them from 1 hour to 2 hours, some feel HW is good for you, some wish it wasn't any at all. No HW on game days, some teachers give HW and don't check it, one student said he/she had 44 questions in SS, felt it was too much.
- **Teacher Fair Consistent:** not fair, they can get a little overboard, blocks are taken advantage of, some teachers waste time on stories, classes can be boring.
- **Concerns/Comments:** Want phones out in class, teachers should give you a chance without being so mean, add two(2) or more colors to the dress code since some people might not be able to afford school clothes.
- **Bond Referendum**
 - The update is in the school district website.
 - Go to www.lancastercsd.com for details.
- **Questions/Concerns**
 - Come up with ideas for Parent/ Teacher Communication.