



Southside Christian School

"Excellence through Absolute Truth in Christian Education"

SCS Board and Leadership Update 2018-19

Dear SCS Family,

Below you will find a recap of some of the SCS Board's activities over the past year.

July 2018 – there were four very significant areas of advancement for SCS during this month.

- The school began operation July 2, 2018 as an independent Christian school after being a ministry of Southside Church since our founding in 2006.
 - We are grateful to Southside Church for their investment into the ministry of Christian education at Southside Christian School.
 - We are also appreciative to Dr. Patton and his staff who spent many hours completing application for the new corporation and to attain tax exempt status with the IRS while transferring other areas of school function with the State of NC and our two accreditation boards (AdvancED and ACSI)
- July also marked a historic event when the school purchased 30 acres of property just a few miles from both campuses on Winston Road.
- We completed consolidating to a central academic software database for the entire school on the new Renweb software.
- SCS became an official probationary member of the NCISAA – North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association. We covet your prayers as we have had a good year with the NCISAA and they will have an official vote this month (June) to determine if we can move to be a full-member of the NCISAA.

August 2018 – we started the new school year being fully staffed and with our highest enrollment for the school to date with 305 students.

- The board was very active in the interviewing process with Dr. Patton during the late spring through summer for both the Upper School Principal and the Athletic Director positions.
- The Parent Teacher Fellowship which was formed Spring of 2018 began to meet as a team and plan many activities for this school year.
- We added Girls Varsity Volleyball.
- We added Honors classes in several core Grade 9 and Grade 10 subjects. Grades 11 and 12 were added the previous year.

September 2018 – these months brought many scheduling challenges with athletics and our HS retreat as Hurricane Florence came up the coast.

- The high school retreat eventually had to be rescheduled from fall to spring and from The Wilds to the Teen Valley Ranch.
- Dr. Patton and Brent Purdum began working on the SCS Master Site plan for the new campus development during these months and that plan is now largely in place.
- Dr. Patton began working with a local architect to develop conceptual schematic drawings for two buildings (education building and gymnasium) – both plans are now completed and waiting on the Lord’s leading for funding to allow the school to hopefully begin Phase I construction in the next year or two.

October to December 2018

- The newly formed SCS Technology Task Team met for the first time in November. That group of technical experts began evaluating technologies for the new campus and for current academic programs.
- Cameras were also installed on the Amelia Campus during the Christmas break
- The SCS Finance Committee began to actively look for solutions to the salary challenges that SCS faces as well as the potential of providing a SCS Group Healthcare Plan.

January to March 2019

- The new SCS Website was launched January of 2019
- Students enjoyed a great Spirit Week and SCS Homecoming events in January.
- Online re-enrollment was launched in January as well and re-enrollment numbers were very high for our school.
- SCS enrolled our first International Student in the month of January with a young man from Haiti joining our Middle School.
- The board began the process of interviewing potential new board members with the goal of having 3-4 new board members added over the next year.
 - The SCS Board welcomed Matt Buchanan as the newest board member.
 - Matt is an SCS father, a member of Southside Church and his combined experience as Sr. Manager VP Quality Assurance at First Citizens Bank will add tremendous value to the SCS Board.
- A new faculty salary schedule was board approved to allow the faculty salaries to be aligned within our school within the next 2-3 years.
- Teacher evaluations were completed in Jan/Feb and contracts for the 2019-20 school year were issued in early March.
- Booster Bylaws were approved. The first meeting of the newly formed SCS Athletic Boosters took place in the spring of 2019.

April – May 2019

- The SCS Board approved the first major fundraiser for the school year 2019-20. The event will be a co-sponsored event (SCS PTF and Athletic Boosters) and will be a March 2020 golf scramble event to raise monies for athletic field development on the new campus.
- We added Boys Varsity Baseball.
- In April we hosted a wonderful Pastors Breakfast at the ES (Elementary School) campus with over 43 churches represented.
- The board reviewed the phases of the SCS Capital Campaign – entitled – Building on the Rock. Dr. Patton and others are working on the silent phase of the campaign at this time and we will officially launch the capital campaign September 2019.
- SCS just graduated its 3rd graduating class – the Class of 2019 – seventeen outstanding young men and women.
 - SCS Seniors received a significant number of scholarships and will attend such schools as: Averett University, Appalachian State University, Bob Jones University, Campbell University, Cedarville University, Lee University, North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, The King’s College, and Wake Technical Community College.
- We added several new SCS Summer Camp offerings for 2019 that commenced this week – thank you for supporting our summer camp program!

As you can see we have much to be thankful for. This year has been very busy for the board and school leadership. We are looking forward to seeing the Lord bless the efforts of the new campus and continue to sustain our school as we faithfully serve Him.

Please email any comments or questions for Wes Winterstein at wwinterstein@scswarriors.com and/or to Dr. Patton at drpatton@scswarriors.com

Thank you – Wes Winterstein, SCS Board Chair and Dr. Patton, SCS Head of School