

SIC Minutes 2/15/2024

SIC Members in attendance: Genie Brainerd, Michelle Comunale, Elizabeth Simonis, John Simonis, Robert Sabota, Ashley Kabel, Elna Guida

4:30-4:31 Call to order and Pledge

4:31-4:33 Mrs. Guida reviewed January's minutes and Mrs. Brainerd moved to approve minutes and what would be discussed with February's meeting.

4:33-4:38 The SIC members reviewed the list of Countries that were presented by the grade level of teachers. The SIC members agreed more diverse group of Countries needed to be represented. Some Countries were to be removed and others to be add. Mrs. Brainerd stated that she would talk to the Principle about the Countries changes suggested by the SIC members in tonight's meeting and would email out the changes. The passports need to be planned for a 2hr curriculum. The members agreed in the back of the year book there should be a place to put the passports at the end of the year.

4:38-4:49 The SIC members discussed the topics to be presented in the passport. Recipes, landmarks, games, literature to include a read aloud portion, craft, music, dance, holidays, celebrities, world impact to be worked in somewhere. Do not do them as links because it presents an access problem. Do them as at pdfs. Culture book read alouds normally take 30 minutes of time. The SIC team need to think of the supplies that would be needed and where could they come from. Fundraiser money could be used, donations from teachers, SIC members, or students of supplies could be done, like old games, handmade instruments, ect. The craft for each curriculum could go with the read aloud book or game for each grade level. The Coosa Hub layout for the Countries is a google doc and there is to be a hard copy in a binder maybe in the front office. It was discussed how parents could be apart of it. Some suggestions were to ask the parents before it starts if they are from the country or have lived there before and ask them to present the class with their knowledge.

4:49-5:00 How to split the work up was discussed, since the meeting an email was sent out with some changes. Ashley and Renee to do the books/read along, the two Simonis to do games and holidays, Robert to do landmarks and Elna to review them, Mrs. Pender and Kimberly to do recipes, Kimberly and Michelle to do crafts, and Mrs. Brainerd and anther parent to do music/dance. The landmarks need to have 2 to 4 options for each grade level.

5:00-5:01 It was discussed if related arts teachers needed to be included in the planning for passports and if they needed to be added to the passport days for their curriculum as well. They do their lesson plan for that week based off of all the classes they have (same lesson plan for each class for the whole week), so it would be harder for them to have their curriculum changed for it, for that week.

5:01-5:10 Mrs. Simonis went over the sic survey which showed that only 56% had been turned in as of that day. Cognia is the global network for accreditation and to be certified. A 3-month extension on renewal plans was given. Talked about SIC goals and how they are made and are good for 5 years. Each year an update is done to make sure interim goals are being met. Math,

English/language arts leaning toward grades 3-5 for SC Ready. A goal for the school is to be STEM certified. March 25th parents and teachers are to be interviewed. The 3rd goal is student self-effacing; the climate survey is apart of that. The mindful me curriculum is used across all grade levels and same survey given every year. No new goals are to be made yet.

5:10-5:16 It was discussed what could have led to the SIC surveys to not be turned in by parents, like maybe too many lines. It was discussed what has led to parents not wanting to be involved in the school as much. Some ideas were Covid, safety. Parent involvement was a pride and looking to see how to get parents back into being a part of the school.

5:16-5:17 adjourned by Mrs. Brainerd and she stated she would give us the updated countries, which she did via email.