

SIC Minutes 11-30- 2023

SIC Members in attendance: Genie Brainerd, Elizabeth Simonis, Renee Roberts, Robert Sabota, Michelle Comunale, Ashley Kabel, Angela Roberts, and Kimberly Elliott

4:30-4:31 Call to order and pledge led by Mrs. Brainerd.

4:31-4:33 Elliott presented minutes, Brainerd moved to approve minutes.

4:33-4:36 Discussion of recent joint SIC meeting that Brainerd attended. Teacher support and retention, pre-k for everyone, parent involvement training, peer pressure and social media, and training for parents on Google classroom were discussed at joint SIC meeting.

4:36-4:44 Votes for Goals came back with diversity and culture having the most votes and increasing parent involvement following. For increasing parent involvement the following ideas were discussed: volunteers to eat with children at lunch, rotating story time in the hallway, training for the parents interacting with the children and question prompts, and increasing parent involvement at events.

4:44-4:58 Continued discussing diversity and culture goal. All Coosa clubs have been tasked for black history month in February. Discussed the following ideas: drum line performing at African American History Education Conference, Holocaust remembrance month in January with event in Charleston, celebrating Chinese new year, and creating passports for students to virtually visit other countries, and including literature, food, and games.

4:58-5:10 Discussed creating a rough draft of next year's cultural days and a rough draft of the passport book. Discussed 5th grade receiving their passports at graduation and a buddy project for pre-k and kindergarten (possible project for EarlyAct) and creating a binder with ideas and links for teachers. Topics for next meeting: outlining a calendar with heritage months and themes and ½ days becoming passport days.

5:10-5:22 discussed topics to bring up at next joint meeting: pre-k for all with early intervention for 3 year olds since Special Ed needs have tripled since covid, district calendar changes with more breaks for better teacher retention and less child burnout, inclusion of virtual days in school calendar, and being against legislation stripping librarian autonomy through strict literature policing.

5:22-5:30 Principal's Report including acceptance of blue ribbon award in DC and county council proclamation for blue ribbon award, awaiting visit for Palmetto's Finest, Gullah Christmas at USCB, marquee being updated, various painting, cleaning, and updating throughout the school, and Rotary club partnership and rotary readers.

Meeting is adjourned at 5:30