

SIC Minutes 5/16/2024

SIC Members in attendance: Genie Brainerd, Michelle Comunale, Elizabeth Simonis, Robert Sabota, Melissa Pender, Renee Roberts, Ashley Kabel, John Simonis

4:29-4:30 Call to order and Pledge

4:31-4:32 Mrs. Brainerd reviewed March's minutes. No changes were made. Mrs. Brainerd moved to approve minutes.

4:32-4:46 Mrs. Roberts shared information regarding recent testing – both iReady and SC Ready. We are currently finishing make-up testing for ELA. Next week, students will be taking SC Ready state math testing, and 4th grade will take science. There will also be a field test on Thursday. Mrs. Roberts explained details of a TDA – text dependent analysis. She shared examples and explained how we are preparing our students to succeed in this kind of testing challenge. Mrs. Roberts also shared details about GT testing; we will be able to use a new test, the Naglieri, in addition to the CogAT to qualify for GT. This additional test will take into account ML learners and other students who may not have the same background knowledge. We most recently administered the Naglieri with first grade students; however, it is unclear how the district will use the information that was gathered (GT services don't begin until third grade).

4:46-4:51 Mrs. Brainerd showed a sample of the passport that will be used for the passport project. She stated that students' pictures will be included based on their school pictures taken in the Fall. Mrs. Comunale showed examples of passport "stamp" stickers that could be used each passport day and specific for the countries they will be studying each year. SIC committee agreed that everyone liked the copies of the passports and the stickers that were presented. It was agreed that we would begin assembling the passports at the end of the year so that they will be assembled before the end of the year. Mrs. Pender also explained that plans are in process to designate a storage closet in the school to house the bins that will contain all of the teachers' supplies for the Passport Project.

4:51-4:54 Mrs. Pender shared results of the STEM certification that was just received – Coosa received positive results and received a 3.6 score out of a possible 4.0. Although certification has not officially been awarded, we will be receiving official confirmation soon of our STEM certification.

4:54-5:35 Mrs. Pender shared information regarding the updated School Renewal Plan that will need to be updated. The SIC committee will need to choose new goals for our next 5-year plan. We want to incorporate STEM integration strategies with core subjects, specifically 3 recertification hours per year for a total of 15 hours over the next 5-year period. The challenge will be to incorporate STEM integration in ELA and social studies. We would like to have outside people come on site to provide professional development to help in this area. We would use people at the district level to provide 1 hour of PD per quarter to provide ongoing ideas for integration. Mrs. Pender shared that this plan is not due to the district until June 6.

She also shared that, for our School Climate Performance Goal, we would like to address chronic absenteeism. There appears to be a direct correlation between our chronic absenteeism rate and

our SC Ready scores and academic success. Pre-K and kindergarten are not included in this particular goal. Mrs. Pender explained details of state truancy and chronic absenteeism rates and procedures. This goal will encourage our school to tackle this issue and be held more accountable to communicate the importance of attendance to our families. Mrs. Pender explained that we will implement truancy court if necessary. SIC committee discussed how to implement positive awards for attendance.

For the academic goal, we will have a ELA goal, as well as a math goal. We will use iReady data for grades K-2 and SC Ready will be used for grades 3-5. Our 5-year goal will be to increase from 41.9% at the 50th percentile to 60% at the 50th percentile (K-2). On the SC Ready (math), students will improve from 75.6% to 82% meets and exceeds (3-5). On the SC Ready (ELA), students will improve from 76.1% to 82% meets and exceeds (3-5).

Mr. Simonis asked for clarification about the programs iReady and Dreambox – Roberts and Pender explained the basics of the programs, as well as how teachers implement these programs throughout the curriculum.

5:35 – meeting was adjourned.