

SIC Coosa Elementary School

January 16, 2025

Present: Melissa Pender, Renee Roberts, Genie Brainerd, Pat Rowell, Ashley Kabel, Elizabeth Simonis, Felicia Horton

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Genie Brainerd at 4:30 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed, and corrections were made. Minutes were approved.

Discussion Points:

1. Genie Brainerd announced that Secretary Ross Roach resigned due to scheduling conflicts.

- Future discussion will take place after researching the requirements for replacement or non-replacement.

2. Read to Succeed

- Principal Pender shared state guidelines for reading requirements and applicable exemptions. The new I-Ready guidelines can be applied if the student does not meet the guidelines for SC Ready. Principals can appeal on an individual basis if deemed necessary.

3. 10 Week Tutoring Program

- Principal Pender shared details of the program and how students are selected to participate.
- 3rd and 4th graders are able to participate. Math tutoring is also offered if deemed necessary on an individual basis.
- Additional monies were asked for and received to enhance the program by hiring more instructors.

4. Passports

- Upcoming second Passports in February.
- Boxes are ready and available for grade levels.
- Parent help was requested – published in Bobcat Brief. There were 4 responses. It was expressed that SIC is grateful for those responses, but more would be preferable.
- Principal Pender shared that information about our Passports program and the desire to collaborate with educators from other countries, was published on the Leader in Me website. There were 4 responses: 3 from Pakistan and 1 from Nigeria. Ms. Pender is in discussions with these educators at present and will report more later.
- Coordination with Early Act was also discussed.

4. Parent Brochure

- Presented and discussed.

- Survey explained. 285 parents responded. This was thought to be an adequate response based on the student population.

- Due in the district office by April 30, 2025.

5. Parent Survey (for the statistics on the brochure)

- Survey as it stands was presented by Principal Pender.

- Change discussed re: question 7 – add new extracurricular opportunities such as Passports Days.

- Change discussed re: question 9 to address parents whose children do not receive certain services answering questions that are not applicable to their students. The administration team will reword and report back to SIC.

- Change discussed about adding a 10th question about Leader in Me.

- Changes will be made and reported to SIC by email before the next meeting on February 20, 2025. New survey will be sent out to parents in backpacks and reported on Bobcat Briefs on February 21, 2025. They will be due back by March 7, 2025 in order to have the brochure finished and to the district by April 30, 2025.

6. Riley Award

- Genie Brainerd suggested that we wait to apply for the next calendar year as we would have more data. SIC agreed.

7. Palmetto Award.

- First visit took place in December.

- Waiting to hear if there will be a second visit and if Coosa is a finalist.

8. Leader in Me

- Visit on March 27, 2025

- Notebook is being worked on at present.

- Founder Muriel Sommers will conduct the visit.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 by Genie Brainerd.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2025.