

SIC Minutes 3/20/2025

SIC Members in attendance: Genie Brainerd, Elizabeth Simonis, Ashley Kabel, Pat Rowell, Renee Roberts, Melissa Pender, Erica Sanchez, Dr. Verna Holmes, Felicia Horton

4:02-4:03 Call to order and Pledge

4:03-4:04 Mrs. Sanchez reviewed January's minutes. Mrs. Sanchez moved to approve minutes.

4:05-4:09 Mrs. Pender shared that she has made the decision to leave Coosa Elementary and take a position as the Executive Director of Schools for BCSD. She will remain through the end of the school year. She reported that a survey will go home for parents tomorrow asking for characteristics they wish to see in the next principal of CES to share with the interviewing committee. Mrs. Brainerd will be asked to serve as the SIC representative.

4:10-4:11 Mrs. Pender shared that some of the goals in our 5-year-plan have been revised. The change is as follows: "K-2 students will improve from 41.9% at the 50th percentile to higher to 70% at the 50th percentile or higher based on IREADY Spring Diagnostic scores." She also stated that she added an action step to the plan to address attendance to address an incentive for parents.

4:11-4:49 Mrs. Pender also shared the results from the SIC survey. 304 surveys were returned, which is a good representation of our school. She shared details of the results and showed that we can see comments for teachers specifically to determine if there are particular needs to be addressed. The data has been compiled into the updated brochure. The team discussed possible ways to report the technology ratings – yes, no, unsure. Members discussed ways to communicate more effectively with parents regarding technology issues. Reviewed other details of the brochure for errors and reminded members of our SIC goals for 2024-2025. Mrs. Roberts explained that the reason there are no scores for science for 2024 is because there were new state standards, so no scores were reported. Discussed adding "opportunities" to the "Innovative Learning & Resources" to account for Clubs, Cultural Day, etc. Also, discussed re-wording of the description for L.I.N.K.S. for Kids program description.

4:50-4:57 Mrs. Pender shared that she received staffing changes information from the district and will be sharing information with the staff soon.

4:57-5:15 Mrs. Brainerd reported that there was continued excitement regarding our Cultural Days for the half days in March and April. Mrs. Kabel shared that the fourth grade invited a guest speaker from Venezuela to present with the students. Mrs. Brainerd confirmed that there have been many guest speakers for a variety of the grade levels. Mrs. Pender showed the video recap of Cultural Day #3. Simonis also mentioned that we need a system in place to be able to maintain Cultural Day refurbishment and vision to add to the Passport Project. Currently, the passport project bins are being housed in the library.

5:15 – meeting was adjourned.