

SIC Minutes 8/21/25

SIC Members in attendance: Kelly Goudy (Principal/Ex-Officio), Renee Roberts (Assistant Principal/Ex-Officio), Genie Brainerd (SIC Chair), Ashley Kabel (Teacher Rep), Pat Rowell (Community Member), Verna Holmes (Community Member)

Others in attendance: Amy Turner (CES teacher), Michelle Schott (CES parent), Felicia Horton (CES parent)

4:30: Call to Order and Pledge; approval of minutes from the last meeting in previous email thread.

4:31-4:37: Chair's Report: There are several positions that need to be filled (Secretary, Vice Chair, two Teacher Reps). The SIC discussed how best to recruit new members for the upcoming council. The group agreed to include an example of the personal write-up for the necessary election form. This communication will go home through school communication/Goudy (Bobcat Brief, etc.). The group discussed recruiting new members and decided to host an information table at the upcoming Open House event at Coosa.

4:38-4:43: The group took a few minutes to make introduction of those in attendance (see above).

4:44-4:51: Principal's Report: Mrs. Goudy addressed that the goal moving forward with the Passport Project is to invite more community members to support Passport Project days this year. She will share a call to action that will be included in upcoming school communication which she shared. The communication needs to be updated to include those who have visited various countries/cultures with those who are from various countries/cultures and to include where Coosa students visit each year:

	PreK	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Wednesday, Oct 8	Australia	Mexico	France	Thailand	India	Greece	Russia
Thursday, Feb 12	Japan	China	Philippines	Germany	Spain	Kenya	Italy
Friday, Mar 20	Turkey	Nigeria	Colombia	Morocco	Honduras	Venezuela	Peru

4:51-4:58: Mrs. Goudy spoke about uniting the Lady's Island Cluster during the upcoming school year (this includes CES, SHES, LIES, and LIMS). The Leader in Me could be a way to unify the clusters since all three St. Helena/Lady's Island elementary schools are Lighthouse Schools. Goudy shared ideas on how SIC can move forward with unification ideas by applying for District funding, and hosting community/cluster events at Coosa

through the school year. Mrs. Turner shared how the Whale Branch cluster has found success with this model.

4:59-5:10: Mrs. Goudy spoke about another goal the SIC might set, which is to apply for the Riley Award for SIC Excellence. The group discussed how the Passport Project now has a year complete. Mrs. Brainerd shared the details of applying for the award which include letters of support from Goudy and/or Pender, and two additional letters of support. The deadline for the application is likely early December 2025. One question that arose was if the SIC at CES will be out of compliance for the award since the SIC at CES was missing the Secretary position for the 2024-2025 year. The application needs to also share the how the Passport Project has grown, which led the group to discuss the various points of data that could be pulled to prove the growth of the program. These include:

- Increased engagement/attendance during ½ days
- Surveys conducted last school year of teachers/family members
- Increase in cultural awareness (conduct new student survey this year)
- Representing cultures/countries found in CES's community

5:10-16: Mrs. Goudy shared that Open House will be held on Tuesday, 9/9 from 4:00-6:00p.m. The hope is that this night will provide resources for families and be student/classroom led. The idea is that families can visit Coosa but also learn what resources are available to them in the Beaufort/Lady's Island community. In the classrooms, Mrs. Goudy hopes that family members see a day-in-the-life of a student.

5:17-5:30: Ms. Schott shared her concern about snack time and a later lunch time for her student and asked for clarification on the expectation of a newsletter. Mrs. Goudy shared that they would follow up with the 1st grade team of teachers and shared that the expectation is that all teachers send home a newsletter once a week. She also shared that Class Dojo will be replaced by a platform called ParentSquare which is a BCSD purchase. This change will come around the Winter Break.

5:31: Adjourn