

October 16, 2025

I. Call to Order

- Meeting Called to Order at 4:30 PM
- Present: Casey McDonald, Erica Parker, Kelly Goudy, Renee Roberts, Pat Rowell, Genie Brainerd, Erica Coleman (Zoom), Verna Holmes, and Jaye Harris were in attendance.
- Introductions were made.

II. Approve Minutes

- Last month's minutes were presented by Genie Brainerd and approved by the SIC.

III. Chair Report

- Genie Brainerd asked SIC to review the Bylaws in preparation for next month's meeting.
- Jaye Harris was elected Vice Chair by a unanimous vote.
- Erica Coleman was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote.
- Both newly elected officers were asked to review the Bylaws to better understand their roles and responsibilities.
- Training opportunities:
 - [SC-SIC.org/training](https://sc-sic.org/training) offers SIC Basics Training on October 21 from 6–7 PM. This is required for anyone who has not yet completed training.
 - RILEY Award Training is scheduled for October 23 from 6–7 PM.
 - Renee Roberts raised a concern about the Read and Treat Event being held the same evening as the RILEY training.
 - Verna Holmes also expressed concern about the timing of both trainings.

IV. Principal's Report

- Passport Days
 - With help from BCSD, we received data on half-day attendance to monitor our progress with the Passport Project and efforts to increase attendance on those days.
 - Some half days varied from calendar to calendar, which may have affected the data.
 - Since the implementation of the Passport Project, attendance has increased by 14.9%.
 - The most recent half-day attendance was 86.4%.
 - The impact of the Passport Project on cultural awareness was assessed through a survey of 3rd–5th grade students.
 - A total of 150 students completed the survey, which represents a strong participation rate.

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- Moving forward, students will have the opportunity to dress up to celebrate cultural awareness for the Passport Project.
- 78.7% of students agreed on the importance of understanding other cultures.
- 92.7% of students could share at least one fact they learned.
- Most students reported being excited about learning about new cultures.
- 20% of students indicated that they have not yet applied what they learned from the Passport Project.
- 58.7% stated that learning about other cultures is helpful to them.
- Food was mentioned multiple times; Genie Brainerd inquired about including food on Passport Project Days. Mrs. Goudy noted that food would need to be store-bought and that allergies must be considered.
- Mrs. Goudy will share the data with Genie Brainerd for inclusion in the RILEY Award.
- School Choice Initiative
 - The district plans to change the way School Choice is conducted.
 - Chad Cox discussed the changes to the School Choice window on the news.
 - The window, which usually opens in the spring, will now open November 10 and close January 15.
 - Families will be notified in early February if their child is selected.
 - Chad Cox emphasized the importance of school choice, explained the programs offered, and highlighted these options for families in all grades, K–12.
 - A new event will showcase schools and administrators, allowing families to meet staff and learn about programs.
 - The Showcase for Southern Schools will be held on November 13.
 - The Showcase for Northern Schools will be held on November 18.
 - The date for the HHI school showcase has not yet been released.
 - Mrs. Goudy has already updated the School Choice booklet for CES, and the team reviewed it.
 - Jaye Harris asked about the criteria for student acceptance. Mrs. Goudy explained that good attendance, grades, and behavior are considered, and students may be denied for not meeting these standards. She also asked if families must disclose their reasons for choosing a program. Mrs. Roberts stated that families must select from the programs listed in the School Choice booklet.
 - Students can be revoked from acceptance by December for the reasons listed above.

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- Mrs. Goudy asked what should specifically be highlighted at the upcoming showcase event mentioned by Chad Cox.
- The showcase aims to attract students back from private and charter schools.
- It was discussed that the showcase should highlight Leader in Me and its components, including clubs, habits, and school-wide jobs.
- It was also discussed to include STEM programs and related components such as robotics, gardening, and PLTW.
- Mrs. Goudy noted that many School Choice families are military families, and this should be acknowledged.
- Boosterthon
 - Ideas were discussed with removing the thought limit the charges that Boosterthon.com
 - Bringing in this kind of profit is worth considering the amount of money we have had raised.
 - CES has moved away from selling “products”.

V. Closing

- Meeting reminder for next month – November 20th at 4:30 PM.
- Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.