

HYATT PARK ELEMENTARY

SIC/PTO MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2026

AGENDA

Welcome & Connection

School Vision: “You are Seen. You are Valued. You are Loved. You Belong.”

SIC vs PTO...SIC=School Improvement Council, PTO= Parent Teacher Organization, & Officers for SIC and PTO

State of Hyatt Park: Snapshot

Family Voice

Upcoming Opportunities

Membership & Leadership

Close

Hyatt Park Elementary School
SIC Meeting
Minutes

Date: August 17, 2026
Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm
Location: Hyatt Park Media Center

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Call to order at 5:04pm

Welcome and Introductions of all attendees and everyone was giving the opportunity to express one thing that they hope for this school year.

Our School Vision: *You are Seen. You are Valued. You are Loved. You Belong.* Principal Merritt gave an overview of the meaning and how it is shared with our students daily.

SIC/PTO/PAC: The Family Engagement Committee consists of the School Improvement Council, Parent-Teacher Organization, and Parent Advisory Committee. These are parent organizations that are State and Title I (Federal) requirements. They are made up of parents, community members, and school staff. These committees meet monthly and they are designed to give parents a voice and knowledge about the school's goals and participate in the school's planning process that contributes to student success. Mrs. Merritt and Ms. Coleman provided an opportunity for parents to become a part of the committees and possibly hold an officer position. Elections will be held on September 10, 2026, at Open House.

State of Hyatt Park: Mrs. Merritt provided a Snapshot of the school's culture-High Expectations from all stakeholders, accountability to improve low test scores and Hyatt's excellent culture ratings on the school's report card. Hyatt

is an award-winning school, visible learning school, and Hyatt uses the Ron Clark House system that compliments Hyatt's mission.

Science: there was a slight decline in test scores in science. 4th graders are tested in science, however, the plan for this school year is to introduce a school-wide academic goal for science by including Prek-3rd graders. 3rd graders will also work with the science lab manager doing 4th grade labs. The school's morning show has implemented science; there is an interactive science wall in the cafeteria that displays a science word weekly.

Writing cross curricular: related arts and math will include writing.

Family Voice: Mindfulness of voice tones and body language when speaking to students and staff, House accountability point reward system should be protected. Mrs. Merritt spoke about using Clemson Cooperative Extension (Common Language Matrix) and the MTSS-B and ROAR rules that apply common practices in interacting with students.

Upcoming Opportunities: House sorting day for 2nd graders is August 28, 2026. PreK-1st graders are placed in their teachers House until 2nd grade. Grandparents date is in discussion and a Save the Date will be provided later. Community Partners: Hyatt is looking for parents and community partners to partner with the school in a variety of capacities. Merrill Gardens Retirement Community is Hyatt's newest partner.

Membership and Leadership: one parent completed the form to be a part of the Family Engagement Committee-SIC/PAC/PTO.

Close: Open House September 10, 2026, 4:30pm-6:00pm. Kona Ice will be on-site, and they are partners that donate to the school.

Adjourned at 5:45pm.