Okatie Elementary SIC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Media Center
Bluffton, SC

The meeting was called to order at 3:16p.m. by Mr. DiCioccio.

Members present:

Robert DiCioccio (Chair), Tracy Lanese (Principal), Kathleen Archer, Kristina Davis, Dana Tirado, D.J. Wilson, Lindsey Fons, Lizbeth Webber

1. Introduction:
   - Mr. DiCioccio welcomed everyone.

2. SIC Chair's Report: (Turned over the meeting to Principal Tracy Lanese)
   - Have to update state site by 10/15/2026

3. SIC Principal Report
   - Student Report Card - Okatie scored EXCELLENT on the SC Report Card - for the 5th year in a row; Celebration for kids on Friday; Staff and Students can dress up like favorite rock star; Schedule will only be affected in the morning...won't affect schedule as far as instructional/related arts' time
   - Student Reassignment Meeting - majority of students will be staying at Okatie (Westbury Park - Bluffton El; Plantation Point and Belfair - Red Cedar; Island West - River Ridge) Anyone who attends now at Okatie can apply to be grandfathered in for the continuation of their elementary years - however, must provide transportation!
   - Student Reassignment Meeting - Final Decision - 2B -
     i. only change from 2A was for Gascoigne Bluff for high school students to go to BLHS
     ii. Keeps Okatie anywhere from 83-87% capacity
     iii. Dates for grandfathering; school choice; inter-district transfer (All of this information is being finalized and will be sent out when complete.)
     iv. School Choice Night - Location: River Ridge Academy on November 17th, 6:00-7:30PM (NOB meeting: Robert Smalls on November 16th, 6-7:30PM)
   - SIC Training available for members on the website:
     i. https://www.sc-sic.org/training

4. Public Comment - N/A

5. Review agenda for next meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 3:10p.m., in the small media center.

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6. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Webber and seconded by Mrs. Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm, by Mr. DiCioccio.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Archer
Kathleen Archer, Secretary