



Report to the People

Red Cedar Elementary—School Improvement Council 2019-2020

Who we are: The School Improvement Council (SIC) is a committee made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members. Our main purpose is to work together with Red Cedar Elementary to create a positive environment for learning.

What we do as SIC:

Our SIC supports Red Cedar Elementary in the following ways:

- ◇ We participate in the development of the 5-year School Improvement Plan for Red Cedar Elementary. The current 5-year plan is from 2018 and can be found on the Red Cedar webpage. Updates are made annually, but the next time the SIC needs to rewrite this plan is in 2024.
- ◇ Each year, we create goals for the SIC to support the 5-year plan.
- ◇ Throughout the year we find specific ways to implement these goals at Red Cedar Elementary by incorporating staff, parents and community.
- ◇ At the end of the year we publish and distribute the Annual Report to the Parents as an update to Red Cedar Elementary parents providing information on what we've done as an SIC and the school's accomplishments.

Awards for RCES and Staff during the 2019-2020 Year

Palmetto Gold and Silver

Chamber of Commerce Project Connect Grants were awarded to Mrs. Kennedy, Ms. Taylor, Mrs. Wersler, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Visscher, Mrs. Binkley, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Shaner, and Mrs. Phillips.

Ms. Valentine was awarded December's "Our Favorite Teacher" by local radio station Easy 93.7.

Ms. Moldenhauer Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Martin Support Staff Person of the Year

Dear Foxes,

Well, 2019-2020 was quite a year. Red Cedar Elementary continues to grow all students and live out its vision **to do whatever it takes to help its students succeed** even when faced by new challenges and changes brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

All teachers in the RCES community during 19-20 school year completed all four of the Read to Succeed courses making them all Read to Succeed Endorsed. Additionally, Dr. Corley was named SMART Mentor Principal of the Month in December of 2019.

A focus on Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) incorporation across the curriculum continues as a strength at Red Cedar. Students can engage technology, even in the "distance learning" environment, with 1:1 device access and utilization in the classroom and in the home.

Below we list our 2019-2020 goals for SIC. Due to the shortened year, most of our plans couldn't happen. However, Red Cedar's School Improvement Council (SIC) looks forward to continuing its work as we support RCES and celebrate Red Cedar's Staff and Students. We would love to have you JOIN us as we work to make RCES stronger and better in the year to come! You can contact the assistant principal Cynthia Laizer at cynthia.laizer@beaufort.k12.sc.us, or the SIC chair Rachel Mullen at Rachel.mullen.hhi@gmail.com for more information. **Meetings are on Zoom the 3rd Tuesday of the month 5:15-6:15. Please email us for the link. Look forward to having you join.**

—Your RCES SIC

RCES 19-20 SIC Goals

The SIC will **create consistent relationships with community partners** by inviting local businesses to attend monthly SIC meetings and participate in our meetings and by maintaining a local business/community database for teachers to access throughout the year for PBL projects.

The SIC will **increase communication with parents and will increase parent involvement** by creating a 5th grade transition night with a parent panel and student panel for the spring of 2020. We will also participate in Back to School Night in the fall of 2020 to increase parent involvement in SIC.

The SIC will **assist and facilitate teacher support for improved teacher retention** by creating a grade-level lunch program in which volunteers and community businesses partner with individual grade levels/teams to provide each team with lunch 1x/month. We will help identify 1-2 grant opportunities to assist teachers in pursuing continuing education opportunities or unique classroom learning opportunities and assist teachers in applying for grants for the 20/21 school year.

2019-2020 SIC Members

Rachel Mullen, Chair
Nathan Goff, Secretary
Dr. Kathleen Corley, Principal
Cynthia Laizer, Assistant Principal
Laura Jacobi, Parent
Kelly Wersler, Community
Roberts Vaux, Community
Josh Simpson, Community
Sandy Viskovich, Teacher
Emma Robinson, Teacher
Emily Waters, Teacher
Sandy Viskovich, Teacher

Red Cedar Vision:

We will do whatever it takes to ensure all students find success.

Red Cedar Mission:

We empower our students to be life-long learners, innovative thinkers, and citizens of good character in an ever-changing world.

Community Supporters

Hargray *
The Litter Box
Mutterer Law Firm
Bluffton Book Festival *
Grow Good Health
Bluffton School of Dance
Island Gymnastics
Bluffton Fire Dept.
Bluffton Rotary
Lions Club
Beaufort County Library
Garden Gate Nursery
Low Country Eye Assoc.
Tenet Healthcare
Old Town Tours
Coastal Discovery Museum
Atlas Surveying Inc.
Bartlett Tree Experts
Beaufort County Bus Co.
Beaufort County Admin
Corner Perk *
Downtown Deli
Dancing Dog Yoga
Diamond Del Mining
Kazoo Factory
Lowcountry Food Bank
Lowcountry Food Bank
May River Disposal
Miners
Beaufort County
WSAV
WTOC
Island Packet/Gazette
Palmetto Running Co.
United Way of Lowcountry *
Kiwanis Club of Bluffton *
SC Attorney General
Backpack Buddies of Bluffton *
Amerigas
CAPA
Howell-Chase Heating
Marriot Resort HHI
Simpson Construction *
Low Country Strong *
Car. Energy Conservation
Spencer Special Events
Tactical Baby Gear
Beach Properties HHI
Elite Physical Therapy
Station 300 *
South State Bank
All Square Construction
Alliance Dance Academy
Adventure Pediatric Dentistry
Riverwalk Animal Hospital
Maginnis Orthodontics
Pearce Scott Architects
Berkshire Hathaway
Amigos Restaurant
Papa John's Pizza
Mi Tierra
Jim N Nicks
Wendy's
Longhorn Steakhouse
VA Army Aviation
Burn Boot Camp
Vaux, Marsher, Berglind *
Pulseology
Roldan Electric
Arbonne
Sea Smiles
Hilton Head Orchestra
Hilton Head Area Realtors
Walmart
Lowcountry Community Church *
Low Country Presbyterian Church

* These community partners were actively involved in 2019-2020

Red Cedar is proud to be a Title One School.

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