

Red Cedar Elementary School

Report to the Parents



WHO WE ARE

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is a committee of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members. Our purpose is to work together with the school to create a positive environment for learning. SIC members work to increase the ways parents can get involved in their children's learning at school and in the home. We work with staff and community to help RCE achieve its performance goals.



2021-2022 SIC Members

- Laura Jacobi, Chair
- Sonja Campbell Martinov, Vice Chair
- Emma Robinson, Secretary
- Dr. Kathleen Corley
- Cynthia Laizer
- Erin Shy
- Michelle Callahan
- Kelly Wersler
- Jacque Visscher
- Emily Waters
- Rachael Cioccaro
- Roni Shaner
- January Tramuta
- Conor O'Hara
- Dr. Rebecca Hannahs
- Ashley Williams
- Audrey Kaney
- Lori Willis
- Molly Lloyd
- Jannine Mutterer

Dear Fox Family,

The start of the 2021-2022 school year brought with it continued uncertainty as the Covid threat would rise and fall. However, our RCE staff was here to meet the ever-changing needs of the students and families as they lived out RCE's vision **to do whatever it takes to help its students succeed**. The RCE School Improvement Council also had to adapt to find new ways to communicate effectively and safely with our Fox Family. The SIC held monthly meetings via zoom instead of in-person and posted that information in weekly newsletter and on Facebook to keep parents connected. We also created a webpage on RCE's website specifically for SIC news that includes meeting dates, agenda & minutes.

We had roughly 20 parents, teachers and staff attend each SIC meeting. Throughout those many conversations, we discussed how to reconnect Fox parents with our RCE family without relying on in-person events. The RCE staff already does so much for our students, but the SIC wanted to find more ways to involve the parents in the process: from ways to continue learning at home to volunteer opportunities and how to discuss emotional and social needs at home.

SIC looks forward to continuing its work as we support RCES and celebrate staff & students. We would love you to JOIN us as we work to make RCES stronger and better in the year to come!

Please email Assistant Principal Cynthia Laizer at Cynthia.laizer@beaufort.k12.sc.us or call (843) 707-0600 to learn how YOU can get involved with SIC!

Thank you,
Laura Jacobi, SIC Chair

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.

WHAT WE DO AS SIC

Our SIC helps and supports Red Cedar Elementary in the following ways:

1. We participate in the development of the 5-year School Improvement Plan for Red Cedar Elementary. Plan can be found on RCE's website, under Parents/SIC
2. At the beginning of each school year, we meet to establish or revisit goals to guide the SIC to support RCE's School Improvement Plan's Performance Goals in the areas of Student Achievement, Teacher Quality & School Climate.
3. Throughout the year we find specific ways to implement these goals in the school and community.
4. At the end of the school year, we publish and distribute the Annual Report to the Parents newsletter to communicate what the SIC has done that school



RCES 2021-2023 SIC Goals

When RCE SIC discussed goals in fall of 2021, we decided to create goals for the 2021-2022 school year that will carry over to the 2022-2023 school year. This way, we could develop more comprehensive goals that could be implemented over time.

Goal 1

- Create resources and methods for parents to have access to tips and tools to incorporate learning at home. Better utilization of RCE website, Facebook and emails to connect with parents.

Goal 2

- Assess teacher needs & communicate those needs with parents & RCE community. The SIC plans to help educate the community about teacher classroom & project supply needs.

Goal 3

- Educate parents more on RCE's work on Character Traits, Self Management & Self Efficacy by including more information on website, Facebook, agenda, etc.

2021-2022 RCES Awards & Achievements

Palmetto's Finest 2015 | AdvancED STEM Certified School | Palmetto Gold & Silver

- Mr. Kooi, Music Teacher, **Teacher of the Year** | Ms. Byrne, School Nurse, **Support Staff Person of the Year**
- RCES presented at the Palmetto State Literacy Association in February 2022 about how we do "Whatever it Takes" for Multilingual students
- \$1000 Wellness Award awarded by Medical University of SC
- 36 teachers trained in the Orton-Gillingham method for reading comprehension
- The Foundation for Educational Excellence awarded grants to various RCES teachers: Jacquelyn Visscher & Rebecca Himes (\$1,374.45); Kristiana Valentine, Lindsay Binkley, Whitney Knopf, Sandra Viskovich (\$1,500)

2021-2022 Student Character Award Winners

Sophia Holt

Jociry Corrales-
Alarcon

Maxzena Larrow

Kristen Quarrie

Lola Karyshyn

Yailen Garcia-Roblero

Jackson Kathmann

Madelyn Gibson

Each month, RCES awards a student for demonstrating character skills like Kindness, Acceptance, Courage, Respect, Gratitude, Compassion, Perseverance, Honesty, Self-Control, Forgiveness & Responsibility.

Awards for April & May have yet to be named.