

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 the staff and community to help RCE achieve its performance goals.



2022-2023 SIC Members

- Kyra Hartley, Chair
- Emma Robinson, Secretary
- Dr. Kathleen Corley
- Cynthia Laizer
- Sean O'Hara
- Michelle Callahan
- Kelly Wersler
- Polly Katon
- LindaMarie Gatto
- Emily Waters
- Kelly Perron
- Anna Pepper Vaux Hewett
- Rachael Cioccarri
- Conor O'Hara
- Dr. Rebecca Hannahs
- Lori Willis

Dear Fox Family,

Our Foxes hit the ground running this year! As always, the teachers worked vigorously to meet the diverse needs of every Red Cedar student and their families. Through this endless dedication they continue to live out Red Cedar's vision, to do **whatever it takes**.

The RCE School Improvement Council is happy to be meeting back in person each month. We had roughly fifteen to twenty parents, teachers, and staff members in attendance at each SIC meeting. Those meetings generated many rich discussions focused around our three school improvement goals. Because the Red Cedar staff already goes above and beyond for their students, our conversations led to the streamlining of important information for parents by utilizing our new school website! Some additions include ways to support classroom instruction, volunteer opportunities, and grade-level specific resources for academic, social-emotional, and RESPECT trait expectations.

The School Improvement Council is eager to continue its work of supporting all Red Cedar students and staff in the coming year. If you would like to join us on our mission to ensure the best of the best for our Fox Family, please consider joining our team! Email Assistant Principal Sean O'Hara at Sean.OHara@beaufort.k12.sc.us, or call (843) 707-0600 to learn how YOU can get involved with SIC!

Thank you,
Kyra Hartley, 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 assists 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 share what the SIC has done that year.

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.



2022-2023 Student Character Award Winners

Lily Kathmann

Harper Bee

Jayden Fields

Amelia Hartley

Ava Hodge

Julian Port-Manfru

Brayden Burnham

Brycen Scharver

Kayne Anderson

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

Our May recipient has yet to be named.

2022-2023 RCES Awards & Achievements

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

- Aneta Garbutt Cummings, **Teacher of the Year** | Melody Wright, **Support Staff Person of the Year**
- RCES earned the Turtle Trackers of Hilton Head Island for being a Sea Turtle Friendly School
- RCES has been recognized for receiving EXCELLENT on our school report card
- RCES staff is 99% SIOP trained, with one signed up for a summer session.
- Ms. Howell | Grant recipient for "We are serious about series and solving puzzles."
- Ms. Himes | 2x DonorsChoose grant recipient for headphones & Legos Spike robots
- Ms. Visscher | DonorsChoose grant recipient for pottery glaze
- Ms. Cummings | DonorsChoose grant recipient for STEM materials
- Ms. Matthews | 2x DonorsChoose grant recipient to supply the Gardening Club & sensory items and rewards for her classroom
- Two teachers graduated with their master's in education
- Three teachers received their Gifted & Talented endorsements
- One teacher presented at the Teachers of Promise Institute