

Caughman Road Elementary School SIC Members

Elected Parent Members:

*Marquita Blaylock
Lindsay Purdy*

Appointed Community Members:

*Karen Gay
Taren Moody*

Elected Staff Members:

*Katie Gentry
Caroline Dearden*

Ex-officio Member:

*David Thorpe, Principal
Tabitha Brown, Family Engagement
Specialist*

Purpose of the Report *“This Report is issued by the Caughman Road Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”*

Caughman Road Elementary School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2023-2024



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Caughman Road Elementary enhances the lifelong knowledge of all its students by determining areas of interest and sharpening those interests through the introduction of 21st century literacy

skills, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math for all grade levels.

SIC Annual Goals

The School Improvement Council is working to support the school's strategic plan. Our focus for the 2023-2024 school year has been on parent engagement, literacy, and upholding the five core peace values, as Caughman Road is an International Peace Site. This council is dedicated to supporting Caughman Road Elementary and helping in any way possible to help them meet the goals in their strategic plan to the best of our abilities.

To accomplish our goal to improve literacy for the 2023-2024 school year we launched and assisted in a couple of different initiatives to get students excited about reading. We wanted to figure out ways to get children to want to read, as well as ways to get them access to as many books as possible.

- Caughman Road Elementary hosted over 70 men from our community for our annual "Real Men Read" event. Men from Columbia Fire Department, WIS, USC, Benedict College, Allen University, and more came to share their love of reading and emphasized its importance to our Comets.
- Our Galentine's and Boys, Basketball and Books events were gender

focused activities to bring parents, family members, and students together to share in reading and themed activities. We were able to expose families to our library program to build good will with families and encourage reading.

- We hosted a career day where many members of the community and Caughman Road parents came to highlight different career options for our Comets to explore.
- We had two successful Literati book fairs, where children were able to purchase books to build, their at home libraries.
- The Nyland Foundation came to Caughman Road, and all students were able to choose two books to take home and keep.
- On May 3rd, we will host My First Library at Caughman, and children in kindergarten can choose free books to take home and keep.
- The Beanstack program was added this year. This is an online tracking tool for keeping up with reading minutes. Students can log on at school or at home and track the number of minutes they are reading each day.
- On May 11th, we are partnering with the Southeast Branch of the public library. Families of Caughman Road will have the opportunity to see all the resources that are available to them,

and it gives students an opportunity to have access to books throughout the summer months when our school library is closed

Information pertaining to the Strategic Plan, the Annual Report to the Community, and the School Mission Statement is posted on the school website. Agendas are kept on record from Faculty, Parent Teacher Organizations, and School Improvement Council meetings. Plans and goals are reviewed annually and more frequently as often as necessary. School leadership and staff share values on the educational beliefs communicated through our Mission Statement, which is focused on student success.

Caughman Road Elementary School takes the necessary steps to ensure student success by encouraging various academic and social structures. Positive academic and social structure is promoted through goal setting and acknowledgment of Goal Achievements. Weekly, teachers promote Daily Action Plans in classroom meetings, they have implemented visible learning school-wide, and school-wide expectations are posted throughout the building. According to SC Ready testing results in the Fall of 2023 Caughman Road had 38.5% of students who met or exceeded in Reading, and 23.7% who met or exceeded in Math. STAR reading result in the Winter showed that 49.2% of students met/exceeded in Reading and 43.4% of students met/exceeded in Math.

We are working to help Caughman Road raise their achievement scores through our efforts in promoting literacy by giving students many ways to access books, encouraging them to read through various events, and engaging with parents to get whole families excited about books and reading.

**“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”
- Margaret Fuller**

For more information, you may view Caughman Road Elementary School’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.

Additional Information

There are 751 students enrolled at Caughman Road Elementary school.

Caughman Road has a wonderful Montessori program within our school. This program is a unique approach to education where the educational goal is to focus on the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of each child, and is a child-centered educational approach.