

**Gaston County Schools**  
**BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**August 5, 2019**

**Members Present: Dot Guthrie, Terry Usery, Dot Cherry, Justin Davis, Brent Moore, Melissa Balknight, Lolita Williams**

**Others Present: Derrick Jackson, Marty Starnes, Cristi Bostic, Carrie Minnich, Denise McLean, Rebekka Powers, Shannon Hullett, Erika Whitesides, Dan Barber**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

A motion to approve minutes for the meeting on June 3, 2019 was made and seconded by unanimous vote.

A motion was made and seconded by unanimous vote to modify the agenda as presented to remove items three, eleven, and twelve. The items were previously discussed at the Full Board meeting earlier that day.

The committee received an update on the Alternative Assessments Model used for Warlick Academy and Webb Street School. The model collects various data points to evaluate the instructional programs for these schools. Warlick Academy and Webb Street School continue to meet the eligibility criteria to participate in the alternative model and will continue using the same model option as in previous years. This item was added to the consent agenda for approval by the Full Board.

Staff shared information on the Modern Learning platform being used in all regular K-5 classrooms. The elementary team is using this platform to modernize the learning environments. This summer, elementary educators began working with a coach to receive immediate feedback. The platform will build a foundation to create an aligned modern school district where student-centered, personalized learning options are a part of every K-12 classroom. Grades 6-8 will begin using the platform during the 2019-2020 school year. Grades 9-12 will implement the platform fall 2020. This item was added to the consent agenda for approval by the Full Board.

The GCS Read-to-Achieve summer reading camp partnered with the Gaston County Public Library to serve an average of 820 students. 88% of third graders maintained or improved their reading levels.

Middle Schools had transition camps for rising sixth graders that started on July 30th and concluded on August 22nd.

Staff has worked closely with Principals who will have a new choice program in their schools beginning fall 2019. Student Support Services has assisted Principals with hiring appropriate staff, professional development, and securing resources.

Updates were shared with the committee on assignment and staff changes within Academic Services.

The Department for Exceptional Children shared an update on the nursing services provided for students with special medical conditions. Nineteen students were served during the 2018-2019 school year. Twenty-two students are scheduled to be served during the 2019-2020 school year. This item was added to the consent agenda for approval by the Full Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

The Committee's next meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by:  
Lolita Williams