

**Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2019**

**Members Present: Dot Guthrie, Terry Usery, Brent Moore, Melissa Balknight, Lolita Williams
Others Present: Cristi Bostic, James Montgomery, Carrie Minnich, Marty Starnes, Joey Clinton,
Melissa Buchanan, Gary Hoskins, Bryan Denton, Jennifer Davis, Rudy Stephenson, Jennifer Reep,
Alyssa Mouton, Dylan Cable, Maria Morales, Aidan Spelbring, Christine Andrews, Sarah Neil,
Mariam Jaliawala, Amin Nagda, Sarah Jaliawala, Ayesha Kamdar, Jessa Jackson**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

A motion to approve minutes for the meeting on April 1, 2019 was made and seconded by unanimous vote.

Committee Chair, Mrs. Guthrie, gave approval to change the order of the meeting's agenda.

Hunter Huss High School presented Discovery Cafe, a format for students to provide feedback to staff and network with each other. A diverse group of students did a five table rotation. During each rotation the students had 12-15 minutes to respond to a question through discussion while expressing their ideas and thoughts.

Mr. Denton highlighted some of the Upward Bound students' activities. Students receive after school tutoring, ACT/SAT preparation workshops, assistance with registering for Career and College Promise classes, as well as financial literacy, career exploration, and high school graduation requirements workshops.

High School students from various Gaston County Schools shared their views on vaping.

Staff shared information on policies and procedures relating to pre-kindergarten and student records. These policies will appear with the general updates on the Full board's agenda on May 20, 2019.

Jennifer Reep, Principal at East Gaston High School, and the School Improvement Team have proposed that we change the name of the East Gaston High School Health Sciences Academy to Caromont Health Sciences Academy at East Gaston High School. Caromont will provide up to \$500,000 over a five year period including internships for students and monthly activities for parents and staff. This item will appear on the Consent agenda for Action on the Full board's agenda on May 20, 2019.

Twelve school libraries received renovations during the 2018-2019 school year. Six additional media centers will be renovated this summer and ready for the August-2019 opening of school.

A motion was made and seconded by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Next meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Submitted by:
Lolita Williams