

**Gaston County Schools**  
**BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 2019**

**Members Present: Dot Guthrie, Terry Usery, Dot Cherry, Justin Davis, Brent Moore**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM.

Minutes were approved with no corrections for the meeting on August 5, 2019.

The Committee Chair approved changing the order of the agenda.

The committee received information about the Teacher Induction Program for Success (TIPS) for secondary levels. Beginning teachers receive a continued layer of support and ongoing professional development. In addition to support before school starts, TIPS offers monthly support sessions and first year completion celebrations.

Staff shared updates on the progress made with the Cooperative Innovative High School grant. The new high school will be named Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences (GECMS). All of the programs are in the Health and Human Sciences field. The location will be at Gaston College on the Kimbrell Campus in Belmont. GECMS will open fall 2021 for rising ninth and tenth grade students who meet the criteria requirements.

Information was presented on scholarships and financial aid. Individual schools host and support various events in the fall and spring to prepare students and parents for college. Staff will work with the counselors to ensure information is consistent and available to all students.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM.

The Committee's next meeting will be October 7, 2019 at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by:  
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