

Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019

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

Others Present: Brent Moore, Derrick Jackson, Marty Starnes, James Montgomery, Cristi Bostic, Cynthia Reynolds, Susie Bradley, Terri Surbeck, Philip Ratchford

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

Minutes for the meeting on February 4, 2019 were approved by unanimous vote.

Staff shared information on the NC Reform Model Annual Report submitted on March 1, 2019. The report highlighted reflections and next steps for Bessemer City Central, Hunter Huss High, Sadler Elementary, Sherwood Elementary, Southwest Middle, and Woodhill Elementary for the upcoming school year.

The Committee Chair approved moving Summer 2018 Reading Camp Update on the agenda. First, second, and third grade students who attended the Summer 2018 Reading Camp maintained or increased their reading levels when tested at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Students in grades K-12 must meet local Board of Education requirements in order to be promoted to the next grade. Policy updates for Local Standards will be presented to the full board as information.

The Office of Student Assignment registered 1,324 students for kindergarten during the registration kick-off week. The Online Enrollment Platform has received positive feedback from families. The platform provides the opportunity to enroll students and submit transfer requests from any device with an internet connection. Once parents create an account they have access to 24 hour technical support for additional flexibility.

The ASPIRE summer program will host three (1-week) sessions for kindergarten through fifth grade students at Pleasant Ridge, Lingerfeldt, and H H Beam Elementary schools, with fifty students per session. Pleasant Ridge will be the host school. There is no charge to participate. The program will have a Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) focus. Breakfast or AM snack, lunch and transportation will be provided each day.

All K-5 teachers will have professional development at a Math-ELA summer institute for one week in July. The following week, 300 rising fourth and fifth grade students from Sherwood and Woodhill will receive additional instructional support from the teachers. The focus for 2019-2020 will be on effective teaching and adjusting instruction to meet the needs of students.

Principals and staff members at schools with a new Choice program are embracing every professional development opportunity.

A motion was made and seconded with a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.
Submitted by: Lolita Williams