

**Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting on April 12, 2021**

Members Present:

Dot Guthrie, Robbie Lovelace, Steve Hall, Justin Davis (attended via phone), Dot Cherry

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM.

A motion was made and seconded with unanimous approval to adopt minutes as presented for the meeting on March 1, 2021 with no corrections.

The department of elementary instruction provided an update on the elementary math textbook adoption and the S.P.I.R.E. reading resource. The adoption process is complete and iReady, a Curriculum Associates product, was selected. This core mathematics curriculum will be implemented starting in the 2021-2022 school year. Curriculum Associates will provide onsite professional development on the iReady/Ready Math Classroom for school leaders and teachers. Virtual Parent Academy sessions will be offered each month.

S.P.I.R.E. is a reading intervention for the lowest performing students. It builds reading success through a structured curriculum that incorporates phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Professional development for S.P.I.R.E. began during the 2020-2021 school year. Training will be ongoing and job-embedded. During the 2021-2022 school year, teachers will begin to use S.P.I.R.E. for Tier II and III interventions.

Staff presented an update for the Discovery Education contract to provide professional development for teachers. Discovery Education provides comprehensive, rigorous content support for Science in grades K-8. This tool has been in use at the elementary level, but recently added to the middle grades during the 2020-2021 school year. As part of the middle level summer school and teacher training programs, staff would like to offer more intensive training provided by Discovery Education.

Staff is cross-teaming to ensure all students receive social and emotional learning (SEL) and that the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework is utilized appropriately. Tier I of MTSS supports core instruction for all students. Tier II provides supplemental interventions. This additional layer of support allows for teaching specific skill deficits. Tier III is another layer of support that provides intensive intervention along with core and supplemental intervention.

Academic Services shared information about the 2021/2022 Title I Plan.

The following items will be on the April 19, 2021 Board of Education agenda:

- iReady Math Textbooks
- S.P.I.R.E. Reading Resources
- Discovery Education Contract
- Title I Plan

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2021 at the Central Office at 12 noon.

Submitted by: Lolita Williams