

**Gaston County Schools**  
**BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2021**

**Members Present:**

**Dot Guthrie, Robbie Lovelace, Steve Hall, Justin Davis, Jeff Ramsey, Dot Cherry**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded with unanimous approval to adopt minutes as presented for the meeting on December 7, 2020 with no corrections.

Academic Services presented information about summer school and summer professional development. Summer school opportunities will be offered to rising K-12 students. The summer sessions will be individualized to accommodate students with enrichment, remediation, and credit recovery. Summer school sites will be geographically placed to accommodate families. Summer professional development will include opportunities to blend with summer school. Teachers will have a week of intense training in a specific content area. The following week, they will work with students on specific content skills. Teachers will receive immediate feedback.

New offerings have been added to the course options for high school. A condensed version of the curriculum guide will be mailed to all rising eighth through twelfth grade students.

Updates have been implemented for Career and College Ready Graduates (CCRG). CCRG is a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and State community colleges. The students are identified during their junior year of high school. This State mandate introduces the students to college developmental curriculums in math, reading and English in the high school senior year and provides opportunities for college remediation for students prior to high school graduation.

The department of elementary instruction shared information on standards-based grading. This type of grading supports personalized learning. Standards-based grading will clearly explain skills mastered and areas where students need support to become proficient. This support connects with our work with Modern Teacher.

Staff provided information on athletics and parent updates regarding school choice programs. Students who meet the criteria may participate in athletics if they are enrolled in a school choice program. The Gaston Virtual Academy staff held five information sessions earlier this month. Parents were given information about the program's guidelines and application process for the 2021-2022 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2021 at the Central Office at 12 noon.

Submitted by: Lolita Williams

