

Gaston County Schools  
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee  
Minutes for October 3, 2022

Members Present:

Dot Guthrie, Steve Hall, Justin Davis, Jeff Ramsey, Dot Cherry

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted for the meeting on September 12, 2022.

Cynthia Reynolds presented updates for Title I and the A.S.P.I.R.E. afterschool program.

Three additional Title I schools qualify for core teachers to receive an incentive bonus. Beginning October 2022 through May 2023, A.S.P.I.R.E. would like to add aerobic fitness and S.T.E.M. education to the programs at each site. The added opportunities will promote engagement and creativity through fun, hands-on activities. Better Bodies For Us will provide all students an opportunity to complete aerobic fitness stations, obstacle course relays, and organized games in small group settings. The National Inventors Hall of Fame, through creative and hands-on challenges, builds students' STEM competency and problem-solving skills. The new programs will be items on the consent agenda at the Board of Education meeting.

Shannon Hullett provided a LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Science) update. All Principals have completed their twelve-hour training sessions. The coursework completion date for unit 1 was October 7th. Teacher scoring increased with each assessment of the unit. Twenty percent of teachers completed unit 1 before the due date. Training for unit 2 will begin on October 18, 2022.

Jill Payne updated the committee on the Teacher Assistant to Teacher Program. The program is offered through the Superintendent's Leadership Academy. Teacher assistants aspiring to become elementary classroom teachers can do so through a partnership with Belmont Abbey College or Gardner-Webb University. Candidates were selected for the program in May 2022 and began coursework during the summer session. Fifteen candidates with a four-year degree have already been placed in classrooms as the teacher of record for the 2022-2023 school year. Participants are currently taking fall courses at Belmont Abbey College or Gardner-Webb University.

The next meeting will be on November 14, 2022, at noon.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by: Lolita Williams