

Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee
Minutes for September 12, 2022

Members Present:

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

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted for the meeting on August 1, 2022.

Gary Hoskins, Chief Financial Officer, provided information about a COVID Retention Bonus and state supplement for eligible employees during the 2022-2023 school year. Both items will be included on the Board of Education agenda. Mr. Hoskins added an update on school modernization.

Academic Services presented an instructional support plan for 2022-2023. The executive directors shared details of how the leadership teams will support administrators and teachers. Coaching support and professional development on current resources will continue. Observations and reflection will support student and teacher growth. Expanded reach teachers will be utilized to support student achievement. The committee received an update on the 180 Academy at Woodhill Elementary and information on proposed programs at Warlick Academy and H. H. Beam Elementary.

Jill Payne provided an update on Learner Profiles for students in grades 5-12. Learner Profiles guide students individually based on their interests, career engagement, college readiness, and overall wellness. Four platforms were reviewed to house all information on every student's six-year plan, graduation focus, and post-graduation plans. Naviance, which integrates with Powerschool, was the selected platform for creating learner profiles that support and promote engagement of the whole child. Student Support Services proposes that the beginning stages of Naviance will be implemented during the 2022-2023 school year. This will be an item on the consent agenda at the September 19, 2022, Board of Education meeting.

The Department of Exceptional Children and Student Support Services presented an addendum to the BrightStar Care contract. BrightStar Care provides services to meet the needs of students in the areas of health and safety. The contract addendum could increase the allotment of teacher assistants for the Department of Exceptional Children and the allotment of mental health clinicians for Student Support Services. This item will be on the consent agenda at the September 19, 2022, Board of Education meeting.

The next meeting will be on October 3, 2022, at noon.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:13 pm.

Submitted by: Lolita Williams