

Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee
Minutes for April 3, 2023

Members Present:

Robbie Lovelace, Josh Crisp, Tod Kinlaw, Dot Cherry, Jeff Ramsey

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm. A motion was made and seconded to amend the minutes for the meeting on March 6, 2023. It was motioned and seconded to change the order of the agenda.

Gary Hoskins, Chief Financial Officer, and Vince Quinn, Auditor for Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC, provided an update about the 2021-2022 audit and compliance report.

Chad Duncan provided an athletic update on cheerleading. Mr. Duncan met with middle and high school cheer coaches and athletic directors. The group discussed uniforms, tryouts, summer workouts, and summer practice. Middle School coaches would like to add stunts to their routines. Schools may do fundraisers if cheer teams want to purchase practice wear, accessory items, or new uniforms before the rotation cycle. Students can try out for cheerleading during the first week or the third week of June. Final decisions will be made during the fourth week of June. July 31, 2023, is the official day summer practice can begin for all fall sports. Mr. Duncan will meet with cheer coaches at least two times each school year.

Cynthia Reynolds shared information about the ASPIRE Plus afterschool program. This extension of the 21st Century ASPIRE program will be located at Pinewood Elementary for students who attend the school. Positions will be posted on the GCS website. There will be an enrollment fee and a monthly fee for afterschool care. On regular school days parents can pick up students at 6:00 pm. The hours of operation on teacher workdays will be from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm. Parents will be responsible for transportation. The Pinewood Elementary site is scheduled to open on August 16, 2023.

Cristi Bostic and Rebekka Powers shared the high school junior marshall selection process. Junior Marshals are selected at the end of the 3rd nine weeks based on grade point average (GPA). GPA is calculated by Powerschool. Based on size, each high school will select between 10 and 16 Junior Marshals. In addition, the valedictorian and salutatorian for the graduating class are also based on GPA. If more than one student has the highest, or second highest GPA, each student will be recognized accordingly as valedictorian or salutatorian.

The Executive Directors gave the committee information on the instructional resources planned for the 2023-2024 school year that will continue supporting teachers and students. This item will be on the consent agenda on the April 17, 2023, Board of Education agenda.

The committee's next meeting will be on May 1, 2023, at noon.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:21 pm.

Submitted by: Lolita Williams

