

Academic Committee Meeting	Date: March 27, 2019 Location: H.E. McCracken Middle School
Members Present	Chair: Tricia Fidrych Members present: Melvin Campbell, Cathy Robine,
Others Present	Christina Gwozdz, William Smith, Earl Campbell, Bonnie Almond, Brenda Hunt
	Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.
Action Item	Motion to Approve the Agenda
Highlights	Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to amend the agenda, by adding a Chair's Report after public comments. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 3/0.
Action Item	Public Comments
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bill Fletcher of Bluffton, spoke on suspension for non- violent offenses and how they affect academics. ➤ Lindsey Weller of Bluffton, spoke on behalf on some special education parents whose children attend the schools, but don't live in the district. Who are their representatives. ➤ Amanda Walrad of Bluffton, spoke on SPED and establishing a Special Education Community Committee. ➤ LeAnn Howard of Bluffton, in support of establishing a Special Education Community Committee.
Action Item	Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Highlights	Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.
Action Item	Special Education and Achievement Gap
Highlights	<p>Mrs. Bonnie Almond and Mrs. Brenda Hunt provided information on the Co-Identification of Students with Special Needs and students who are identified as having membership in the Achievement Gap.</p> <p>The areas highlighted from the data that was provided (The Excel Spreadsheet is provided in board docs.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% (133/864) of students identified as having a specific learning disability (SLD) as their <i>primary disability</i> are not members of the Achievement Gap. Therefore, 85% of the students with SLD are co-identified as members of the Achievement Gap. • 129/432 (30%) of students identified as having a speech/language impairment as their primary disability are not members of the AG. Therefore, 70% of students who have a speech/language impairment as their are co-identified as students in the AG. • 295/1314(22%) of students who are "inside regular classes and participate in activities 80% or more of the day" are not included in the AG. Therefore, 78% of students who are "inside regular classes and participate in activities 80% or more of the day" have membership in the AG.
Action Item	Discussion of Meeting Schedule and Location
Highlights	The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 23 rd at H.E. McCracken Middle School starting at 4:30 p.m.
Adjournment	Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____

Date: April 23, 2019

Tricia Fidrych, Board of Education Academic Committee Chair
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