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| Academic Committee Meeting | Date: April 23, 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, Karen Gilbert, Tonya Crosby, Mark Chauhan, Christy Robinson, community members |
| | Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m. |
| Action Item | Motion to Approve the Agenda |
| Highlights | Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0. |
| Action Item | Public Comments |
| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No Public Comments. The community members asked questions and made comments throughout the meeting. |
| Action Item | Approval of March 27, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes |
| Highlights | Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the March 27, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0. |
| Action Item | Chairman's Report and Committee Business |
| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tricia made a recommendation to the committee concerning the Ad Hoc K-8 committee, and that the business of the academic committee should be the committee to continue the work. <p>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to recommend to the Board Chair to dissolve the Ad Hoc K-8 Committee and to assign the committee work to the Academic Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.</p> |
| Information Item | Report on Technology Instructional Audit |
| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Tonya Crosby provided information to the Committee about a possible instructional technology audit. The committee discussed and asked questions concerning the scope of the audit and if would provide information about the efficacy of instructional technology being use in the classrooms throughout the district. ➤ Mrs. Christie Robinson and Mr. Mark Chauhan provided information about specific software and processes that are being used with instructional technology throughout the district ➤ Mrs. Crosby will revise the outcomes request from the instructional technology audit company and will bring back to the committee additional information. |
| Information Item | Report on the Educational Impact of a K-8 Configuration |
| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Bonnie Almond presented information on the educational impact of a K-8 school configuration. ➤ Mrs. Almond stated that there is no clear evidence supporting the educational advantage of a K-8 configuration versus a traditional middle school model. She provided a power point that also included several links to various examples of K-8 configuration. ➤ Mrs. Almond also stated that there may be some benefits of a K-8 configuration. One example given is one less transition from K-8 to high school as compared to elementary to middle to high schools. In contrast, a middle school model often allows students to have more access to extra-curricular activities. |
| Action Item | P.E. 1.3 – Comprehensive Assessment System |

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| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Bonnie Almond and Mrs. Karen Gilbert presented information that showed how each student's progress is measured effectively toward achieving and or exceeding performance standards. ➤ The committee had not seen the information ahead of time, and the volume of information given requires the committee to spend more time reviewing. The information will be presented at the next academic committee meeting. |
| Information | The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 15, 2019 at the DESC Office 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 6:15pm. |

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____

Tricia Fidrych, Board of Education Academic Committee Chair
 Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Date: May 15, 2019