

Academic Committee Meeting	Date: May 15, 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, Geri Henderson, Robert Oetting, Carol Crutchfield and community members
	Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.
Action Item	Motion to Approve the Agenda (Mr. Earl Campbell set in for Melvin Campbell per request of Committee Chair)
Highlights	Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.
Action Item	Public Comments
Highlights	The community members asked questions and made comments throughout the meeting.
Action Item	Approval of April 23, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes
Highlights	Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the April 23 Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl. The motion passed 3/0.
Action Item	Performance Expectation 1.3 – Comprehensive Assessment System
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Bonnie Almond continued conversation from the previous Academic Committee meeting. She addressed several questions about district procedures and regulations. ➤ 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. <p>Mr. Melvin Campbell made the motion to recommend to the Board the acceptance of PE1.3 Comprehensive Assessment System with continued monitoring. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 3/0. (Mr. Melvin Campbell arrived at 4:40pm)</p>
Action Item	Review of Textbook Adoption (Math; CATE)
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Geri Henderson and Mrs. Karen Gilbert continued conversations from the previous Academic Committee meeting about textbook adoption. The committee was presented with information for Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry textbooks. ➤ Mrs. Karen Gilbert presented information for textbook adoption for the CATE Program: <i>Computer Programming with JAVA and Exploring Computer Science for South Carolina</i>. Committee members were presented with evidence and assured that teachers were a part of the process in the selection of the textbooks. <p>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to recommend to the Board the adoption of the recommended textbooks for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Computer Programming with JAVA, and Exploring Computer Science for South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.</p>
Information Item	Review of CATE Honors Course (Health Sciences Clinical Studies; Sports Medicine 2)
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Karen Gilbert continued conversation from the previous Academic Committee meeting about requests for Honor level classes for BCHS to offer Health Sciences Clinical Study and Bluffton High School Sports Medicine 2. ➤ The committee had questions concerning the application contents, specifically about pre-requisites to be enrolled in the honors Class. Mrs. Gilbert will bring information back to the committee at a later date concerning the committee’s questions.

Information Item	Discussion of Viability of K-8 Schools in BCSD
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee discussed the possibility of a grades 1-8 school in the Hilton Head cluster. Two committee members from the Hilton Head cluster shared their frustration about the continued conversation of a possible K-8 or 1-8 school in the cluster last fall. They said that they were told that it would be fast-track and could happen within 8 months. ➤ Mr. Robert Oetting and Mrs. Carol Crutchfield shared information that the need for the 1-8 school has diminished since the number of students attending HHIS is decreasing. ➤ Community members reiterated that there is still a strong interest in pursuing the possibility of a 1-8 school. ➤ Some community members shared their concern about the behavior in the middle school. They understand that the new principal is making strides; however, they are still concern and is concerning not sending their students to the middle school. ➤ Community members also provided suggestions as ways that the elementary schools could develop plans for the rising 6th graders with the intent that the two groups of students (one from HHISCA< one from HHIE) get to know each other prior to the beginning of sixth grade. The hope is that this may eliminate some of the conflict that is perceived to exist between the two groups. ➤ 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, June 26, 2019 at 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 6:15pm.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____

Date: June 19, 2019

Tricia Fidrych, Board of Education Academic Committee Chair
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