

<b>Academic Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Date: February 19, 2020</b> <b>Location: H.E. McCracken Middle School</b>
Members Present	Chair: Tricia Fidrych, Melvin Campbell, and Cathy Robine
Others Present	Christina Gwozdz, Earl Campbell, William Smith Staff: Mary Stratos, Heather Brabham, D.J. Wilson, Nancy Ungvarsky; Community members: Jodie Sruitek
	Meeting called to order at 4:30
Action Item	<b>Motion to Approve the Agenda</b>
Highlights	<b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the February 10, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.</b>
Action Item	<b>Public Comments</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The community members asked questions and participated throughout the meeting.</li> </ul>
Information Items	<b>Textbook Adoption for FY 2020-21</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mrs. Heather Brabham presented the State Board of Education (SBE) Prioritized List for Purchasing Unfunded materials for FY 2020-21.</li> <li>➤ Mrs. Brabham explained the process of how the textbooks are selected.</li> <li>➤ The process is done in all academic areas.</li> <li>➤ On the State's Priority List, the items selected in green are being adopted and funded by the State: Social Studies, Grade 7 (Work Geography), Social studies, 3 (work Geography); Social studies, 4-5 (SC studies Part I and II); Mathematics, K-5 (includes Math Immersion for Spanish, French, etc.); Mathematics, 6-8; health, 9-12 (Personal Health and Wellness and Family and Community Health); Health, 6-8; Health, K-5.</li> <li>➤ Dr. Mary Stratos also shared of a special project that Mr. Earl Campbell help bring to Whale Branch Elementary.</li> <li>➤ Mrs. Nancy Ungvarsky also shared that there are several virtual realty lessons that you can find on Google.</li> <li>➤ The Committee will move the textbook adoption to the full Board for approval.</li> </ul> <p>No action was required at the time of the meeting.</p>
Information Item	<b>School Calendar</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr. Mary Stratos presented two different proposed calendars. One proposal was for the state waiver where school is starting for teachers August 3<sup>rd</sup> and students August 10<sup>th</sup>. The second is the current State's guideline where students begin August 17<sup>th</sup> and teachers August 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>➤ The committee held a lengthy discussion. Several suggestions were made including on where the breaks should be. It was suggested that the breaks occur when the quarters ended.</li> <li>➤ The community that attended the meeting offered suggestions and gave feedback on the various proposed make-up dates, weather dates, and semester breaks.</li> <li>➤ Dr. Stratos will take all of the proposed suggestions and bring back a proposed calendar to the full board.</li> </ul>
Information	Next Academic Committee meeting
	The next meetings are scheduled for March 25,2020 at the DESC.
Adjournment	<b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0. meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.</b>

(Signature on Official File Copy) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: May, 12, 2020

Tricia Fidrych, Board of Education Academic Committee Chair  
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