

**Horry County Board of Education
Curriculum and Instruction Committee**



**Curriculum and Instruction Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Sherrie Todd, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Chair
Janet Graham, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Member
Shanda Allen, Board Member
Howard Barnard, Board Member
James Edwards, Board Member
Helen Smith, Board Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent	
Velna Allen	Kenneth Generette
Mary Anderson	Ben Hardee
Lisa Bourcier	Timi McMullin
Daryl Brown	Boone Myrick
John Gardner	

As required by SC Law 30-4-80, local news media were informed of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting. Copies of the agenda were posted at the District Office and distributed to schools for posting.

Welcome and Introductions

Committee Chair Sherrie Todd called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Ms. Graham moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Allen seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Graham moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting. Ms. Allen seconded; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Textbook Adoption

Ms. Todd opened the discussion by expressing her concern of companies putting content into textbooks that a lot of families question us about. She would like to see a larger textbook committee, including parents and teachers, who teach the course and would like them to read the textbooks. Ms. Graham agreed and said she would like more diversity in the committee. Ms. Myrick reiterated that we do already have several book adoption committees and that teachers who teach those courses are on the committees. There is not one large committee but committees for each subject. Ms. Myrick will double check the demographics of the committees.

Ms. Graham was concerned about repetitive textbooks on the list of textbooks for adoption the fall of 2021. Mr. Hardee explained that they are not repetitive, and he explained the differences. Ms. Myrick agreed to send descriptions of the courses to the Board. She then clarified the timeline for textbooks adoptions and verified that the committees are now being formed. The plan is to share recommendations for the textbooks with this committee first, and then Ms. Todd will share with the Board.

Updates on Program Schools

Ms. Todd voiced her concern on the low numbers for HCS program schools. She asked Mr. Hardee what could be done to make the offerings better. Mr. Hardee explained the obstacles they are facing in getting teachers to teach specialized courses because of salary.

Ms. Graham posed the possibility we could save money by partnering with Horry Georgetown Tech to offer technical courses that appeal to our students and ultimately prepare them to join the workforce right out of high school. Skilled labor, welding, HVAC, electrical are in demand. Marketing courses needs some improvement.

Other discussions included the idea of combining the two academies (ATA and AAST) into one building since the numbers are so low. Another idea was to look for employers who are willing to sponsor a technical teacher.

Scholars Academy students leave with 2 years of college courses. Ms. Todd asked if there is anything students are getting at Scholars that they can't get on their own if they stay at their base school? Ms. Myrick said the high school courses offered at the Scholars Academy are the same, for the most part, as the ones offered at the other high schools. The difference is the students' access to more dual-enrollment courses through CCU.

Ms. Allen asked what the numbers are for IB classes for Aynor and Socastee: Teacher-to-student ratio and enrollment numbers. Do teachers cross teach? Ms. Myrick will provide the information and updates to the Board.

Adjournment

Ms. Graham moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Allen; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Timi McMullin

Administrative Assistant, Learning Services

Approved: _____