

# Horry County Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Committee



## Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, November 1, 2021

### Board Members Present:

Sherrie Todd, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Chair  
Russell Freeman, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Member  
Shanda Allen, Board Member  
James Edwards, Board Member  
Helen Smith, Board Member  
Melanie Wellons, Board Member

### Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent  
Velna Allen  
Mary Anderson  
Kandi Fleming  
John Gardner  
Kenneth Generette

Jill Jeter  
Timi McMullin  
Boone Myrick  
April Scott

### Media Present:

None

*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 3:00 PM. Introductions were made.

### Review and Approval of Agenda

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

### Review and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Allen moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021, meeting. Mr. Edwards seconded; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

## **IB Programs**

Ms. Todd told the group that the meeting today will focus on the IB program questions, the structure of the program, and the ways we can improve. She turned the meeting over to Boone Myrick and April Scott. Ms. Myrick reminded everyone that they previously received information on IB teachers and number of IB courses. She stated that we will go over this information and the structure of the IB program. She then introduced April Scott.

Ms. Scott shared a presentation with the group on the IB Program (International Baccalaureate Program). There are four options:

- IB Diploma Program for students in high school
- IB Career-related Program for students in high school (New)
- IB Middle-Years Program for students in middle school
- IB Primary-Years Program for students in elementary school

The IB program is in two high schools: AHS and SHS. The schools must be authorized by the International Baccalaureate to offer the IB program. The program requires specialized training for teachers.

- Currently, none of our teachers have a full IB teaching schedule. All teachers teach additional courses. For example, first semester, a teacher may teach two periods of IB Biology and one period of CP Biology. Aynor has 11 part-time IB teachers, and Socastee has 9 part-time IB teachers.
- Each IB program has an IB coordinator who supports the IB requirements for the program, recruitment of students, and teacher training.
- Additional training is required to teach IB courses much like AP training for AP teachers.

Students can take individual IB courses, or they can complete a 4-year plan and be eligible to receive an IB Diploma.

- Students may apply to attend the IB programs from any school in the district. Families of students outside of the AHS and SHS attendance areas must provide transportation to attend the program.
- Due to the accelerated nature of the program, typically students should complete English 1 and Algebra I and/or Geometry in middle school to be successful in the program.
- Student waivers are reviewed by the principal yearly. The principal may recommend that a student waiver be revoked by the student affairs department if he/she is not participating in the IB coursework or diploma program.

There was a question by Ms. Allen on whether all credits/courses are accepted by all colleges. Ms. Scott said that it depends on the college. All colleges are different. It is so important that the student look into those pieces when deciding on a college.

Mr. Edwards asked how many students were on waivers for the IB Program. Ms. Scott will get that answer for him. He added the comment that colleges change their criteria from one year to the next.

Ms. Todd asked how many IB diplomas we had in 2021. Ms. Scott did not have that information.\* She asked if teachers must be recertified? Ms. Scott said yes, and the district absorbs the cost for their training.

\*Regarding Ms. Todd's question about diplomas, Dr. Maxey stated that he looked up the stats on the South Carolina Department of Education site, and in 2021 Aynor had seven IB diplomas attempted, and six were awarded. Socastee had ten diplomas attempted, and nine were awarded.

Ms. Myrick told the group that the next Curriculum and Instruction Meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Timi McMullin  
Administrative Assistant, Learning Services

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_