

The School District of Lee County
Curriculum Advisory Committee
Monday, November 19, 2018
Intervention Room 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M

Mission Statement:

To advise the School Board by recommending approaches to obtaining improved student achievement for all students through a coherent, rigorous academic course of study that provides the tools necessary to succeed in today's society. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamic development of a K-12 curriculum within a safe environment leading to both career and technical majors, the methods of instruction used to implement it, and the assessments of its effectiveness, together with a complementary professional development program to support it.

Committee Members Present: Donna Dunker, Debbie Fite, Liliana Guerra-Cannata, James-David Johnson, Ken Weaver, Stephanie Webb, Dr. Judy Wilkerson, and Dr. Larry Tihen via phone.

Committee Members Absent: Joseph Camputaro, Dr. Lizzie Gonzalez-Hern, John Heck, Linda Lally, Dr. Goldye Meyer, Karen Watson, Stephen Whitener, and Sandra Wright

School Board Liaison Present: Cathleen Morgan

Staff Members Present: Dr. Bethany Quisenberry, Lori Houchin, Dr. Wanda Creel

Recording Secretary: Helen Hernandez

Presenter: Dr. Wanda Creel

Welcome and Introduction of Members

The meeting was called to order by Ken Weaver at 6:00pm. The chair welcomed all committee members and guests. A phone line remained open.

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve meeting agenda for tonight's meeting was made by Stephanie Webb and seconded by Liliana Guerra-Cannata. No opposition, motion carried, and agenda approved as presented.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from October 15, 2018 was made by Stephanie Webb, seconded by Liliana Guerra-Cannata. No opposition, motion carried, and meeting minutes approved as presented.

Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee

Mr. Ken Weaver reviewed the mission statement and the purpose of the committee.

Public Comment

No

Board Member Report

Ms. Morgan's comments:

- ✚ We passed the sales tax. What that means to me is that instead of spending the next two years of worrying about how we are going to move our pennies around in our capital account for seats, for technology, and improving buildings, etc., we can now focus on curriculum and academics.
- ✚ The new board members – Betsy Vaughn will be our new board member liaison.

Presentation

Dr. Creel's PowerPoint—Academic Services *"Focused Work on High Impact Strategies"*.

What do we want our CUAC to focus on? Possible Focus Areas:

- ✚ eLearning Walks: It would be helpful to have some of the members of our advisory committee to be able to at least go to one learning walk with one of our team to see what it's about. This will give members an opportunity to experience and understand the protocol on the areas that we are looking for.
- ✚ Components of a Lee County Graduate: Members are Dr. Judy Wilkerson and Ken Weaver.
- ✚ Textbook Adoption: Members were Ken Weaver and April Ketron.
- ✚ Middle School: Pilot a program on credit recovery for the following middle schools - Caloosa Middle, Harns Marsh Middle, Oak Hammock Middle, Fort Myers, Middle. We are trying to reduce over-aged and under credited students, which will reduce the drop-out rate for students. The team has aligned Edgenuity assessments with standards to determine an intervention plan for credit recovery.

Topic of Discussion:

Math Textbook Adoption Presentation: Mr. Ken Weaver

A brief presentation was given on the overall process for adopting textbooks for the district. The group included a couple of members from Curriculum Advisory Committee, district teachers, district staff and students to select the specific company/textbooks for the district.

The Math Textbook Adoption process included 8 vendors and presentations, which not only included textbooks, but electronic and digital books too. The process included being placed into groups- to interact- to discuss- to sum & average out the numbers-to whittle down to those that were acceptable to the district. At the end of the day, the goal was trying to reach a consensus to bring it down to the final series. Other things to consider were educational merits, does it meet the district needs, and does it follow the state standards

Per Ms. Houchin - As soon as the board votes on their dates, then we will be able to share our time-line. When we go before the board for a briefing, you then will take part and have a say on whether you agree with the choices or don't agree. We will provide you with what the students and committee members agreed as talking points, why they selected their first choice, and why they selected their second choice.

Actions/Next Step:

Ken Weaver, Vice Chair - CUAC FY19 Focus:

Chair person, Joe Camputaro and I, are committed to making sure that this committee meets its mission of being advisors to the board. That is why we have gotten individually involved in the Components of Lee County Graduate and Math Textbook Adoption, but as a committee we will be providing input to Ms. Vaughn about the direction we should take and that is why we are here. Our job is to focus on curricular areas. Dr. Creel has provided us with her focus. Joe and I also know that we don't expect you, the members to make or provide suggestions or advice without information. That would be irresponsible for us to making decisions without having information to base it on. We would like to make this a blend and work within those areas perhaps and go from there.

- ✚ Where do you want to go?
- ✚ What do you want to do?
- ✚ How do you wish to proceed?

Next meeting-Focus on Middle School Credit Recovery Pilot

Good of the Order:

Next Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, December 17th @ 6:00pm – Training Room A

Collaborate link below for online meeting access:

<https://us.bbcollab.com/invite/0c99ceaf1ec9494ba8acd0ac90012883>

- ✚ *Participants who will not be connecting by the guest access link above, can attend by phone at the number below. Once you dial the number, it will prompt you to use the PIN number provided below.*
- ✚ *1(571)392-7650 PIN: 1853066232*

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.