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Cirrus Education Group

Minutes

CEG - Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday May 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Location
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86073091126?pwd=q0SvajFBfwXEMDnFrWn8jUsDTSbnyN.1

Committee Members Present
L. Taylor (remote), R. Finley (remote), S. Kelly (remote)

Committee Members Absent
L. Golphin, T. Olagunju

Guests Present
B. Williams (remote), C. Blake (remote), Diane Freeman (remote), Melinda Coley (remote), Nisah Brinson (remote), Wendy Grimes (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Finley called a meeting of the Academic Committee of Cirrus Education Group to order on Thursday May 7, 2026 at 10:04 AM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve Agenda

L. Taylor made a motion to Approve agenda.
S. Kelly seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes from March 5, 2026 Academic Committee Meeting

L. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from CEG - Academic Committee Meeting on 04-20-26.
S. Kelly seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Note the agenda item should be listed as Approve Minutes from April 20, 2026 Academic Committee Meeting.

II. Student Council Introduction

A. Student Council Introduction

Student Council Introduction presented by Barry Williams & Melinda Coley

- Student Council representatives from grades 3–8 were introduced to the committee.
- Student leaders shared goals to increase student engagement, expand extracurricular and social opportunities, and improve student voice within the school community.
- Students discussed interest in additional hands-on learning experiences, outdoor activities, and a greater variety in school lunch offerings.
- Student representatives also shared plans to gather feedback from peers through student interviews and surveys to better inform future activities and initiatives.
- Committee members commended the students for their leadership, professionalism, and commitment to improving school culture.

III. Academic

A. Data and Assessment

Data and Assessment presented by Diane Freeman

- Diane Freeman provided an update on Georgia Milestones testing administration and completion.
- Over 50 students who initially missed portions of testing were successfully retested, with six students remaining untested due to parent decisions related to illness.
- The committee discussed summer remediation and retesting requirements for grades 5 and 8 in English Language Arts and Math.
- Diane Freeman shared updates regarding CCRPI reporting timelines and noted that final ELA results are expected in November 2026.

- Upcoming literacy achievement metric changes anticipated for 2027 accountability reporting were also discussed.

B. Curriculum and Instruction

Curriculum and Instruction presented by Nisah Brinson

- Nisah Brinson reviewed academic growth data for the after-school program using beginning- and end-of-program diagnostic assessments.
- Academic growth was noted across multiple grade levels, with Grade 6 demonstrating strong math growth and Grade 7 showing significant reading growth.
- Nisah Brinson discussed the need to begin intervention services earlier in the school year to allow additional time for skill development and academic acceleration.
- Recommendations included increased integration of MTSS supports, expanded collaboration with special education services, and stronger alignment of intervention materials with Georgia Milestones standards.
- The committee also discussed ongoing professional development and implementation support related to the Science of Reading and Amplify instructional practices.

C. Culture and Attendance

Culture and Attendance presented by Nisah Brinson

- Nisah Brinson presented the April culture and attendance report, highlighting an overall decrease in behavioral referrals across the school year.
- Reductions were noted in classroom disruptions and physical aggression incidents.
- The committee discussed increases in cell phone violations and bullying-related incidents.
- Attendance trends showed improvement across most grade levels, though continued attendance concerns remain for grades 7 and 8.
- School leadership discussed strengthening enforcement procedures related to student cell phone expectations and reviewing the student handbook for potential policy updates.
- Committee members also noted approval of sensory room wishlist purchases during the recent budget and operations meetings.

IV. Governance Planning

A. FY27 Board & Committee Calendar & Board Training Update

FY27 Board & Committee Calendar & Board Training Update presented by Chantelle Blake

- Chantelle Blake presented the proposed FY27 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar for committee review and feedback.
- Committee members discussed potential adjustments to Academic Committee meeting scheduling to better align with board reporting timelines.
- An update was provided regarding annual board training requirements and outstanding training hours for several board members.
- Additional governance training opportunities through GCSA or other approved providers were discussed to support compliance prior to the June 30 deadline.
- The committee also discussed the importance of continued alignment to charter commitments and enrichment programming as part of ongoing charter renewal preparation.

V. Items for Approval

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No items for approval

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Finley