



## Cirrus Education Group

# Minutes

### CEG - Academic Committee Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday May 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM

#### **Location**

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

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#### **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)

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### **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**

### **A. Items for Approval**

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