

Academic Committee Meeting	Date: January 15 2020 Location: District Educational Services Center
Members Present	Chair: Tricia Fidrych, Melvin Campbell, and Cathy Robine
Others Present	Earl Campbell, Staff: Mary Stratos, Wendy Cartledge, Carmen Dillard, Daniel Fallon, Brett Fritz, Gerry Henderson, School Counselors – Lakesha Doctor, LaVerne Lawton, Lacy Walsh; Bernadette Hampton, Nancy Ungvarsky; Community members: Amanda Walrad, Jody Surtek, Tony Cambria, Rachel Jones, Island Packet
	Meeting called to order at 4:35pm
Action Item	Motion to Approve the Agenda
Highlights	Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.
Action Item	Approval of Minutes ➤ December 9, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes
Highlights	Mr. Melvin Campbell made the motion to approve the December 9, 2019 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 3/0.
Action Item	Public Comments
	➤ The community members asked questions and participated throughout the meeting.
Action Item	School Calendar
Highlights	➤ The intent of the agenda topic was to provide discussion and input to Dr. Mary Stratos on the development of the proposed calendar. The following are areas were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ State Legislation for early start date ✚ Data on EOC ✚ Data on pass/failures ✚ Data on Dual enrollment ✚ Seat time ✚ Transportation ✚ Carnegie Requirements ✚ Block Schedules – versus 4x4 ✚ Weather make-up days ➤ The staff will bring back a proposed calendar with further discussion. ➤ Dr. Stratos also discussed the waiver to the state dept. on starting school earlier. We need an approved calendar and a strategic plan prior to requesting a waiver.
Action Item	PE 1.9. Guidance Services
Highlights	➤ Mrs. Gerri Henderson introduced the guidance counselors that participated in the presentation. Lacey Walsh, Beaufort Elementary, Laverne Lawnton, Whale Branch Middle, and Lakesha Doctor, Beaufort High School. Each counselor share information and responsibilities that occur on each grade level. ➤ Mrs. Henderson provided extensive information as evidence for compliance for PE 1.9. ➤ S.C. legislation mandated the implementation of the “Education and Economic Development Act” (EEDA), “Personal Pathways to Success”. The district is charged with the responsibility of providing student K-12 with strong academic and real work problem solving skills. Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to recommend to the full Board the acceptance of P.E. 1.9 Guidance Services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.
Action Item	School Choice
Highlights	➤ Mr. Brett Fritz went over his presentation on 2020-2021 school choice ➤ He provided the administrative regulation SS-3 XI. School Capacity Guidelines.

	<p>This is the criteria that the data services department uses for the evaluation of choice applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The presentation included schools, building capacity, 45-day count for 2019-2020 and %capacity Usage ➤ The presentation listed schools > 90%. ➤ Schools > 70%, but <90% ➤ BCSD Programmatic Options by schools ➤ Program Interest ➤ The committee discussed resources and moving forward to have true choice. <p>School Choice application opens February 1 – 29, 2020</p>
Information	Strategic Plan Update
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This agenda item was moved to the next Academic's committee meeting.
Information	Next Academic Committee meeting
	The next meetings are scheduled for February 10, 2020 at the DESC and February 19, 2020 at H.E. McCracken.
Adjournment	Mr Melvin Campbell made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 3/0. meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

(Signature on Official Copy)

Tricia Fidrych, Board of Education Academic Committee Chair
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Date: February 10, 2020