



KENNESAW CHARTER SCIENCE & MATH ACADEMY

GEORGIA CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.
Academic Committee Meeting Minutes
Date 8/13/19

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
8/13/19	8:15am	8:50am	9/10/19	8am	Lyn Carden
Meeting Location:					
KCSMA					

Attended by:	
Jacqueline Oduselu Annette Higgins Kenya Walker Michael Crowder	Lyn Carden, EIP

I. Roll Call

II. Old Business

- a. School Strategic Plan update – Dr. Walker told the committee she and Mr. Crowder had a meeting scheduled for August 20th to review all of the documentation they had assimilated regarding the previous strategic plans. Once they had reviewed those they would be able to create a draft which would be presented at the next Academic Committee meeting.

III. New Business

- a. STEM – Dr. Walker has been meeting with the STEM committee. They are preparing for the upcoming STEM accreditation sight visit. The committee planned the following:
 - STEM Curriculum Night
 - STEM Professional Development
 - Classroom activity plans
 - STEM Portfolio

- Teacher sight visits to other STEM schools
 - Dr. Walker is working with teachers and to create STEM focused extra-curricular activities such as a robotics team (which has been created)
- b. Science and Social Studies Curriculum – The leadership team told the committee they had identified both social studies and science curriculum. The costs for the science curriculum was discussed at the finance committee meeting.
- c. Updates:
- Master Schedule - Complete
 - New Staff Orientation – The leadership team conducted a meeting after the New Staff Orientation to identify improvements they would like to make for next year. Dr. Walker said one of the things they'd like to add is ethics training.
 - Pre-Conference LKES – Dr. Walker and Mr. Crowder are not yet in the DOE system. Dr. Kattoula from CCSD was coming to the school 9/14 and would be working with them to fix that problem. Once they are in the system they can begin the pre-conference process.
 - The committee was told that Dr. Kattoula was visiting the school for principle orientation with Dr. Walker. He will train her in the Cobb County computers and systems.
 - Dr. Walker discussed with the committee her concern about the ELA curriculum for grades 4&5. Telling them that K-3 is solid, but the teachers are having to supplement for the upper grades. Dr. Walker said this is something she is looking further into and it may be something that will eventually have to be reviewed.
 - Ms. Oduselu asked about gifted testing. Dr. Walker said the gifted teacher is being trained and has created a committee to ensure services are well provided adding that the committee meets four times per year.
 - Ms. Oduselu asked about the current student count.
 - The committee discussed the PVO and their role. They discussed how the PVO could help with volunteer hours.

IV. Adjournment 8:50am