Foundation Academic Committee Meeting

April 24, 2018

Minutes

Attendees:

Julia LeDoyen

Jennifer Schiff

Fran Bartel

Angelique Conner

Damarcus Henley

Guests:

Scott Heptinstall

Wanda Roane

Ava Moore

Carrie Ringler

Meeting called to order at 7:40 a.m.

Discussion about minutes level of detail required.

Motion to approve March 20, 2018 revised minutes.  Approved unanimously.

Items discussed:

* Absenteeism
* District requires data requests only come from principal
* Heptinstall and Conner will collect all data possible to get what was requested by Foundation
* Discussed improving substitute availability/coverage
* MAP
* Academic Committee will review achievement data from Georgia Milestones as well as MAP
* STEM
* Discussed that Foundation/Academic Committee needs to include STEM certification in its Strategic Plan - understanding financial and regulatory requirements to support this initiative
* Amp It Up! Program by Georgia Tech CEISMIC
* $25,00 start-up; $4,000-5,000/year as well as a teacher point and teaching space
* Gwinnett is implementing in its middle schools
* Targets lower achieving students, particularly English Language Learners
* Mr. Heptinstall will research program and report to Committee next month
* Discussed possibility of DCSD and Title I covering start-up costs with Foundation covering ongoing cost

* Title I Status
* Final confirmation of whole-school vs. targeted students will be in June if approved.  In conjunction with DCSD personnel, Mr. Heptinstall expects PCMS to be designated as whole-school.
* Identified Committee members signed confirmation of “Title I Planning Team Signature Page” indicating participation in the revision of the CSIP.
* Discussed programs currently used (e.g., USA Testprep and MobyMax)
* Discussed hiring a Spanish-speaking Parent Liaison to aid in communication with families.
* CCRPI
* New CCRPI scores - Ms. LeDoyen will review
* Science Materials for Foundation to consider purchasing - Provides project-based learning approach
* Cost ~$10,000
* Question Mrs. Schiff will research is how interdisciplinary the STEMscopes resource approach is
* Summer Assignments
* Are now available on-line
* Dr. Conner will ensure any cover letter has current information (e.g., dates)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.: Voted unanimously