

Attendees – Voting Members

Juan Areiza
Michelle Feeney
Leandrea Voskanian
Vic Williams
Robyn Guy
Katie Hilton
Lauren Krawiec
Stacy Dockter

Attendees – Other

Ashley Starr
Kathleem Carpenter
Robin Elmore
Sharon Epperson
Dalton Bunn
Sommy Sim

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Ashley Starr.
- II. Welcome and Introductions
Mr. Starr welcomed the members and asked members to introduce themselves.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Vic Williams. Second motion: Robyn Guy. All members approved the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Vic Williams. Second motion: Leandrea Voskanian. All members voted in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - a. Presentation on Mathematics Curriculum – Kathleen Carpenter, Forsyth County 6-12 Math Specialist, shared Creating a Secondary Math Program That Can Save The World presentation. Mrs. Carpenter highlighted the county initiative to reach all students, reach all teachers and craft a program. The math department is focusing on meeting the needs of Forsyth County’s growing diverse population and providing a flexible course sequence that reaches all students from on level to accelerated math. Additionally, new math standards are in development this year by the state. This will follow with teacher training next year and 2021-22 implementation of the new standards.

- b. Presentation on Middle School English/Language Arts Curriculum – Robin Elmore, Forsyth County 6-12 ELA Specialist, shared a PowerPoint outlining the five domains and spiral skill progression of the ELA program across the grade levels. The department uses the Gradual Release Model for units taught throughout the year, as well as for independent reading. There is a strong emphasis on student writing and helping students understand their audience and how to reach them. The ELA Learner Profile was developed to help teachers and students tie the reading, writing, speaking and listening domains together.
- c. Brief Club Presentation:
 - i. Chess Club – Mrs. Epperson hosts about 25 students on Friday afternoons to play chess. A former parent, that is a Chess Master, offers the group strategies and techniques to improve their game. The club will not enter competitions this year but looks to enter next year.
 - ii. Science Olympiad –Soomy Sim and Katie Hollenbeck co-sponsor a team of 30 students that compete at 5 different mid-range level competitions in the South. The 6th through 8th grade boys and girls are split into two teams. The students are exposed to 5 areas of science; life, earth, chemistry, inquiry, and technology, in a STEM focused competitive model.
 - iii. VEX IQ Robotics – Mr. Bunn is the sponsor of the 43-member club of 6th through 8th grades students. The students meet weekly to assemble a robot and program it to complete tasks. The teams of 4 or 5 students compete against other middle schools. One of the teams is going to compete at the State Competition and the other teams have earned several awards.

VI. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stacy Dockter. Second motion: Katie Hilton. All members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 8:49 AM.