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## CIRRUS EDUCATION GROUP, INC. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MEETING

### *Minutes*

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August 8, 2024  
10:00 AM

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### 1. Call to Order

#### 1.1. Attendance

Committee Chair Olagunju called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 am. Committee Member Kelly was also present. Also present was Mr. Barry Williams, Ms. Joanne Binns, Ms. Angela Bass, Ms. Lewante Bonner, and additional staff. Mr. Stevens was also present.

#### 1.2. Approval of Agenda

Board Member Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda and Committee Member Olagunju made a second. The vote was unanimously approved by those present.

#### 1.3. Approval of Committee Minutes from June 6, 2024

Board Member Kelly made a motion to approve the Committee Minutes from June 6, 2024, and Committee Member Kelly made a second. The vote was unanimously approved by those present.

### 2. Matters of Discussion

#### 2.1. Academic Transition Updates

Committee Chair Olagunju asked Cirrus staff to provide an overall update regarding the academic program following the school's leadership transition. The academic transition update focused on the school's efforts to ensure continued academic success following recent improvements. The team is working on a sustainability plan to maintain academic proficiency, particularly in light of new state standards in reading and math. The plan includes ongoing training for teachers in these new standards, with partnerships being formed to facilitate this training. The importance of providing teachers with the necessary resources, such as updated

curricula and workbooks, was also highlighted, especially given the school's budget constraints.

The update underscored the need for strategic planning to address both immediate academic needs and long-term goals, ensuring that teachers are well-prepared to deliver rigorous instruction. The team is committed to closing the academic achievement gap and will present their proposals at the next finance committee meeting to secure the necessary materials and support.

## 2.2. Review Available SY24 Data

Next, Committee Chair Olagunju asked Mr. Williams and staff to provide an overview of the school's data from the most recent school year. Staff indicated that data is still be analyzed for release by GaDOE, but preliminary data indicates that Cirrus contains to make improvements. The discussion on the academic achievement data from the previous school year centered on the results of the Georgia Milestones assessments. The school administered retests over the summer for students in grades 3, 5, and 8, with many students showing improvement. Specifically, 16 out of 38 third graders passed the retest, with all making gains, even those who did not pass. All 13 eighth graders who retested passed, and 15 out of 28 fifth graders passed as well.

The final results, including overall performance data, are expected to be released on August 30th. The team acknowledged the progress made and emphasized the importance of analyzing this data to inform strategies for the upcoming school year, particularly in preparing students for future assessments and ensuring they meet academic standards.

## 2.3. Academic Committee Goals for SY25

Finally, Committee Chair Olagunju led a discussion regarding the committee's goals for the upcoming year. The committee focused on addressing both short-term and long-term academic needs. The immediate goal is to close the current academic gaps by providing teachers with the necessary resources and support to meet new state standards in math and reading. This includes ensuring that teachers receive appropriate training and have access to updated curricular materials, despite budget constraints.

For the long-term, the committee aims to establish a comprehensive academic plan for the next school year (2025-2026). This plan will involve selecting and implementing the most up-to-date educational resources and curricula, ensuring alignment with state standards. Additionally, the committee emphasized the importance of developing a standardized professional development schedule and a consistent observation framework for teachers to enhance instructional quality.

The committee agreed on the need for a clear timeline and a detailed strategy that will be presented at the next finance committee meeting. The discussion also highlighted the importance of ongoing communication and documentation of progress to ensure that all stakeholders are aligned and that the school can achieve its academic objectives for FY25.

## 3. Adjournment

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The committee adjourned at approximately 10:47 am.

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