
Attendees

Khem Irby, Committee Chairperson
Deborah Napper, Committee Member
Pat Tillman, Committee Member
Linda Welborn, Committee Member
Nora Carr, Chief of Staff
Margaret Winslow, Director Policy
Kim Hipp, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes for October 28, 2020

The Committee approved the October 28, 2020 minutes as written.

III. 2021 Legislative Agenda (State and Federal Priorities)

A. Senate Bill 37: In-Person Learning Choice for Families

- Pat Tillman asked about Section 2.3. Nora Carr advised that administration recommended removing the requirement to report temporary shifts in learning mode (between in-person and remote) and temporary school closings due to COVID-19. (2nd sentence in Section 2.3).
- Carr also said that administration recommended:
 - Giving districts more than 15 days (once the law was adopted) to implement it with a minimum of 30 days in the draft reviewed;
 - Removing stipulations requiring 5 days of in-person instruction and/or Plan A only option for all students with disabilities and change it to requiring districts to offer an in-person option for students with disabilities who are served in self-contained/adaptive curriculum classes and without specifying the number of days; and public separate classrooms; and without specifying the number of

days; and,

- Require districts to have a process in place for determining staff accommodations rather than prescribing one for districts to use and/or allow districts like GCS that already have one vetted by their legal counsels to continue using it. Ratified SB 37 language regarding self-identification of risk by employees is overly broad.

B. 2020 Legislative Agenda (Priorities)

- Deborah Napper would like the District to continue advocating for capital needs in 2021.
- The Committee will continue reviewing the district's 2020 Legislative Agenda and pass along any recommended changes or additions to Khem Irby or Nora Carr, and then discuss again at the March 24 meeting.

C. North Carolina Public Schools: Truitt and State Board of Education Unveil Legislative Budget Priorities

- Priorities were shared for informational purposes.

D. Council of the Great City Schools: Letter to President Biden, Jan. 22, 2021

- Letter was shared for informational purposes.

E. Other

- Deborah Napper would like to see a bill address vaccinations for teachers. Nora Carr advised that, although a supply of vaccine for teachers may not be currently available, the committee can advocate that the State allow for a more proportional vaccine allotment, based on the population of a county.
- Deborah Napper suggested that the district investigate utilizing private duty nursing services to support a COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Nora Carr asked the committee to share company names and advised that the committee could advocate funding for this.
- Linda Welborn suggested that the district try to support vaccinations for teachers, who are younger than 65, but are considered at high risk for COVID-19. Nora Carr reminded the committee that the vaccination priorities were established by the CDC and NCDHHS (North Carolina Department of health and Human Services).

IV. 2021 GCS Virtual Meeting with State Legislative Delegation

The Committee will discuss dates and plan for the 2021 GCS meeting with Guilford County's State legislative delegation.

- A. North Carolina General Assembly Letter to Chairperson Deena Hayes
- B. Agenda from 2020 Meeting
- C. Annotated Agenda/Talking Points from 2020 Meeting, Including Remarks from the Superintendent

V. 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

The Committee approved the proposed 2021-2022 meeting schedule, and noted that the May 26 meeting may begin at 2:30 due to 2021 graduations.

VI. Other Business

- A. Next Meeting: March 24, 2021

VII. Adjournment