



May 18, 2023 6:00 P.M.  
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
 7800 Airport Center Drive, Greensboro, NC  
 Library

Meeting Agenda

Member Attendance

	Jonetta Appling	Erina Byers	Chris Gorham	Ryan Homer	Crystal Scillitani	Cyndie Swindlehu rst	Andrew Wright
7.21. 2022	Phone	Phone	Phone	–	Phone	Phone	
8.11.2 022	Present	Phone	Absent	–	Absent	Present	
9.15. 2022	Present	Phone	Phone	–	Present	Present	
10.14 .22	Present	Phone	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	
11.21. 22	Present	Absent	Phone	Present	Absent	Present	
12.16 .22	Meeting Canceled	Meeting Canceled	Meeting Canceled	Meeting Canceled	Meeting Canceled	Meeting Canceled	
1.19. 23	Present	Present	Phone	Present	Absent	Present	

2.16.23	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	
3.16.23	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	
4.5.23	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present
4.20.23							
5.18.23							

I. Call to Order Time:

II. Motion to approve agenda

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Mission Statement:

- o *Cornerstone Charter Academy, a tuition-free public charter school, will give every student the opportunity to reach his or her potential by providing a rigorous academic program, character education and meaningful parental participation.*

V. Approval of Minutes

- o April 20, 2023

VI. Motion of Appreciation for Erina Byers

VII. 2023-2024 Budget Update Joe Caraher

VIII. New Business

IX. Actionable Items from Committee

- o Motion from Governance to add “Conduct, including verbal or written communication, intended to bother, annoy, intimidate, belittle, or harass another person.” as a class 2 violation to the Code of Conduct.

- Motion from Academic to approve the following courses as Middle School electives (see below for full descriptions):
  - Sew What
  - Music Theory
  - Life Skills
  - Computer Science and Coding
  - PE/Health
  - Guitar
- Motion from Academic to approve the following texts for the following courses (see below for full descriptions)
  - Pre-AP English I
    - Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
  - AP Literature
    - *The Catcher in the Rye*, J.D. Salinger
    - *Beloved*, Toni Morrison
    - *Ethan Frome*, Edith Wharton
    - *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Oscar Wilde

X. Reports

- Director's Report

XI. Public Comments

XII. Motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters

XIII. Adjourn

Time:

Minutes submitted on:

Minutes approved on:

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Jonetta Appling, board secretary

## **Semester- Long**

### **Sew What?**

This semester-long class is for students who wish to learn how a sewing machine works.. Simple projects will be machine sewn to build confidence and understanding of sewing related terms and techniques. No sewing experience is necessary! Due to the nature of this elective, space is limited. This course is open to 6th-8th graders.

## **Yearlong**

### **Music Theory**

A Middle School level study of melody, rhythm, and diatonic tonal harmony in four voices and in simple instrumental textures. Emphasis on rudiments of music, voice leading, harmonic progression, and elemental melodic forms.

#### **Student Objectives-students will be able to:**

1. Identify and write all elements of the fundamentals of music, including pitches in various clefs, rhythms, simple and compound meters and time signatures, major and minor scales and key signatures, intervals, triads, and seventh chords, at a mastery level (proficient level only for tenor and alto clefs)
2. Evaluate and write single-voice lines and counterpoint in first and second species, at a proficient level
3. Compose an original melody, using and analyzing various musical elements covered in class
4. Identify forms from various Music Periods.
5. Audibly translate simple notated rhythms.

### **Life Skills**

Life skills for essential living help students to become resilient, well rounded and capable individuals in their daily lives by advancing their skills in caring for themselves mentally, physically, emotionally and financially. The lessons will focus on the development of student self-concept and self-management, including self-discipline and time management. Lessons will also provide important skills in healthy living, including exercise, nutrition, and hygiene. Finally, lessons will study brain research in order to connect healthy living habits to educational achievement and in this way the skills work hand in hand with the academic knowledge they learn in their other classes. Through promoting healthy living and healthy minds this class seeks to raise the probability for

students to reach their full potential as well as give them the tools needed to have easier interaction with their environment and themselves.

### **Computer Science & Coding**

What is Coding With CS Discoveries? Design a computer application. Publish your own website. Create your own animations and games for computers and phone apps. We are learning how to solve problems in real life using computers. Coding with Computer Science Discoveries (CS Discoveries) is an introductory computer science course that empowers students to create authentic artifacts and engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun.

### **Health & PE (updated)**

This course is intended to introduce lifelong physical/health education, and healthy personal choices. Physical activity is critical to the development and maintenance of good health. Instruction will be focused on developing an understanding of skill development and health topics. Health topics will include nutrition, physical fitness, stress management, disabilities, and movement and coordination. The combination of physical education and health will enhance lifelong fitness and overall health.

### **Guitar**

This beginning guitar course is designed to get students excited about playing guitar by serving as an introduction to the instrument.

This class is for beginners on the guitar or players who would like to fill in the gaps in their basic overall knowledge of the instrument. The idea is to get you playing right away. This course will cover fingerboard knowledge, basic techniques, chords, strumming, basic improvisation, basics of finger-style technique, reading music (standard notation/tablature), and basic concepts in music theory that can be used to read & write music and figure out songs by ear. Most of the music played in this class will be drawn from the American popular and folk styles.

### **Textbook Approval**

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#### **Textbooks**

Realidades 3 Digital Edition (c)2014 provides standards-based instruction that seamlessly integrates vocabulary, grammar, communication, culture, and digital learning. This balanced approach is built upon the principles of backward design with assessment

aligned with instruction. The program features many resources for differentiated instruction, including updated Pre-AP(R) components, that are available in print, on DVD-ROM, or online. The Digital Courseware, [realidades.com](http://realidades.com), offers the newest and most powerful online learning system available in any middle school and high school Spanish program. Realidades 3 contains an introductory section called Para empezar and 10 thematic chapters.

Realidades 3 is used effectively as the third year program in an articulated sequence of instruction. Choose the Student Edition format the works for you! Print + Digital Includes a print Student Edition with 6-year access to [realidades.com](http://realidades.com) eText + Digital: Includes the online Student Edition eText with 6-year or 1-year access to [realidades.com](http://realidades.com) Standalone Student Edition eText Includes the online Student Edition eText with 6-year or 1-year license, but the license does not include access to [realidades.com](http://realidades.com) or teacher resources

AP Environmental Science would like to have two possible books approved. Both texts are suggested by CollegeBoard as the appropriate texts for the AP curriculum. We are asking for both as they are in high demand and having approval for both will allow us to make a quick decision based on cost and availability.

#1 choice: Click on titles for more information

- [Withgott/LaPosata Environment: The Science Behind the Stories 7th edition 2021](#)
- This one per AP College board will be good till 2031 for usage here.

Environment: The Science behind the Stories is known for its student-friendly narrative style, its integration of real stories and case studies, and its presentation of the latest science and research.

With the 7th Edition, engaging new features will open your eyes to environmental issues. The text makes it easy for you to see the data with new infographic-style illustrations, see connections between the case studies and your own life with new local connections activities, and see potential solutions with new success stories features.

#2 choice: Click on titles for more information

- [Friedland/Relyea Environmental Science for the AP Course 3rd edition. 2019](#)
- This one per AP College board will be good till 2029 for usage here.

Written specifically for the AP® Environmental Science course, *Friedland and Relyea Environmental Science for AP®* Third Edition, is designed to help you realize success on

the AP® Environmental Science Exam and in your course by providing the built-in support you want and need.

In the new edition, each chapter is broken into short, manageable modules to help students learn at an ideal pace. Do the Math boxes review quantitative skills and offer you a chance to practice the math you need to know to succeed. Module AP® Review questions, Unit AP® Practice Exams, and a full length cumulative AP® Practice test offer unparalleled, integrated support to prepare you for the real AP® Environmental Science exam in May. The new edition also features SaplingPlus, a new digital learning management system complete with online homework.