



December 14, 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	Chris Gorham	Ryan Homer	Crystal Scillitani	Cyndie Swindlehur st	Andrew Wright
7.20.23						
8.1.23						
8.10.23						
9.21.23						
10.19.23						
11.14.23						
12.14.23						

I. Call to Order

Time:

II. Motion to approve agenda

- III. Pledge of Allegiance
  - IV. Mission Statement:
    - *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
    - November 16, 2023
  - VI. Discussion of Building Expansion Project
  - VII. New Business
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  - VIII. Actionable Items from Committee
    - Motion from Academic Committee to approve the use of Prentice Hall Science Explorer North Carolina Series Textbooks for middle school science.
    - Motion from Academic to approve Advanced Placement (AP) Comparative Government as a high school course.
    - Motion from Academic to approve the use of the Leadership BeYond Program from the YMCA for our high school leadership program.
  - IX. Reports
    - Director Reports
    - Committee Updates
  - X. Public Comments
  - XI. Executive session for confidential student and personnel matters
  - XII. Motions from executive session
  - XIII. Adjourn
- Time:

Minutes submitted on:  
Minutes approved on:

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Jonetta Appling, board secretary

**Motion to Approve Textbooks for Middle School Science**

Potential Supplemental Science Textbooks for Middle School

1. ***Prentice Hall Science Explorer North Carolina Series Textbooks***- This textbook series would be used as supplemental material for the middle grades science classrooms. The text allows teachers to take the LearnED program we already have in place and help students to explore topics more in depth. This book series has been used previously by 2 Cornerstone teachers.

<b><u>Sixth Grade Topics</u></b>	<b><u>Seventh Grade Topics</u></b>	<b><u>Eighth Grade Topics</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Nature of Science and Technology</li> <li>● Minerals</li> <li>● Rocks</li> <li>● Weathering and Soil Formation</li> <li>● Plate Tectonics</li> <li>● Earthquakes and Volcanoes</li> <li>● Earth, Moon, and Sun</li> <li>● Exploring Space</li> <li>● The Solar System</li> <li>● Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe</li> <li>● Populations and Communities</li> <li>● Ecosystems and Biomes</li> <li>● Living Resources</li> <li>● Land, Water, and Air Resources</li> <li>● Energy Resources</li> <li>● Energy</li> <li>● Thermal Energy and Heat</li> <li>● Sound</li> <li>● Light</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Nature of Science and Technology</li> <li>● The Atmosphere</li> <li>● Weather Factors</li> <li>● Weather Patterns</li> <li>● Climate and Climate Change</li> <li>● Plants</li> <li>● Animals</li> <li>● Bone, Muscles, and Skin</li> <li>● Food and Digestion</li> <li>● Circulation</li> <li>● Respiration and Excretion</li> <li>● The Nervous System</li> <li>● The Endocrine System and Reproduction</li> <li>● Genetics: The Science of Heredity</li> <li>● Modern Genetics</li> <li>● Motion</li> <li>● Forces</li> <li>● Forces in Fluids</li> <li>● Work and Machines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Nature of Science and Technology</li> <li>● Earth: The Water Planet</li> <li>● Freshwater Resources</li> <li>● Ocean Motions</li> <li>● Ocean Zones</li> <li>● Mapping Earth's Surface</li> <li>● Erosion and Deposition</li> <li>● A Trip Through Time</li> <li>● Cell Structure and Function</li> <li>● Cell Process Energy</li> <li>● From Bacteria to Fungi</li> <li>● Fighting Disease</li> <li>● Introduction to Matter</li> <li>● Solids, Liquids, and Gases</li> <li>● Elements and the Periodic Table</li> <li>● Chemical Reactions</li> <li>● Acids, Bases, and Solutions</li> <li>● Exploring Materials</li> <li>● Magnetism and Electricity</li> <li>● Electronics</li> </ul>

\*The books are supplemental teacher resources. There are topics in the 8th grade book that are most appropriate for 7th grade and so on. Approving the books for all middle school grades will allow us to move the books between grade levels to help teachers best utilize the material.

## **Motion to Approve AP Comparative Government**

Full Course Description Materials Can be found [HERE](#)

- **Course Description:** AP Comparative Government and Politics introduces students to the rich diversity of political life outside the United States. The course uses a comparative approach to examine the political structures; policies; and political, economic, and social challenges of six selected countries: China, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, and the United Kingdom. Students compare the effectiveness of approaches to many global issues by examining how different governments solve similar problems. They will also engage in disciplinary practices that require them to read and interpret data, make comparisons and applications, and develop evidence-based arguments.
- **Prerequisites:** There are no prerequisites for AP Comparative Government and Politics. Students should be able to read a college-level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.
- **Implementation:** AP Comparative Government and Politics could be offered as an elective course for 10th-12th grades or as a possible corequisite course with AP US Government and Politics.