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BESE

# Newsletter



DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 10, 2020

## 3 Main Topics Discussed:

1. Jumpstart 2.0
2. Introduction of AP Psychology to the TOPS Program
3. The Departure of Cameron Doyle and Introduction of Jack Walker.

**Introduction:** Before I get started, I would like to speak on what my newsletters will include. In these newsletters I will try to keep the topics discussed simple so that each and everyone can interpret these rigorous and challenging topics very easily. I will focus on the three main topics discussed and each main topic I speak on will be about things that affect the students. In the future, I plan on sending out a Google Form asking what each student council thinks about the topic being discussed. This will give me a student opinion from many others all across Louisiana. I will send out more information on my Google Form idea in the future. Again, thank you for trusting me with this roll and I am truly excited for this upcoming year!

### What is Jumpstart 2.0?

Jumpstart 2.0 is a program of graduation pathways to indicate how students can graduate, with a Jump Start Career Diploma, by taking courses and attaining industry relevant skills. Some of the 11 courses given include: Agriculture, Health Sciences, Human Services, Business Management, etc. The three sections/choices to take under Jump Start Graduation are: College and Career Connections, Capstone Credentials, and Pathway Course Progressions. The board was asked to approve how students can graduate with a Jump Start Career Diploma with the courses given. This topic was discussed for a hour, with concerns from the citizens and the board on taking universal courses, the taking of courses online and at a student's own pace. The board decided due to the amount of negatives that the board and citizens saw in the presentation, to table the proposal and asked to discuss the topic in the future.

### Departure of Cameron Doyle and Introduction of Jack Walker

At the end of the meeting, head of the AGII Committee - Holly Boffy - called Cameron Doyle and I up to the microphones. Cameron gave her farewell and introduced me to the board. I gave an introduction speech to the BESE members on what I plan to do as the representative of the students of Louisiana. Cameron was given an award by her district representative, Dr. James Garvey. On a personal note, I am truly honored to be following in Mrs. Doyle's footsteps. Mrs. Doyle did a great job on the board and I have big shoes to fill and a voice that she brought to the job to uphold. I truly thank Cameron Doyle for being such a great SBESE Representative mentor. Although I am sad to see her go, I am truly excited for this year!

## AP Psychology Brought into the TOPS Program

This topic regarded the introduction of adding AP Psychology as a unit choice under social studies in the TOPS Program. If this is to be added in, as the agenda said, then it would be put under the section where you can choose two of the seven choices. Some of the choices include AP World History, AP World Geography, and AP European History. At the time BESE Representative, Cameron Doyle, spoke in opposition to this topic. She spoke on how she does not believe that it is classified as a social studies and that it will take students away from choosing true social studies such as AP European History. She also spoke on how it should not qualify as a social studies but instead be thought of as a science. Although her opinion was reflected on, the board approved of the inclusion of AP Psychology to the matrix of TOPS.

Upcoming Meeting:  
Academic Goals and Instructional  
Improvement Committee Meeting: **April**  
**20,2020**

Additional Information: On March 14, 2020, BESE President Sandy Holloway approved a certain amount of waivers to support students, educators, local schools, districts, and early childhood centers that were impacted by the COVID-19. This means that certain areas in the education system, that are affected by COVID-19, are not majorly affected or put on pause by the per-cautions from this outbreak; the points that were presented to Mrs. Holloway would be the resolution. More information on what these waivers will do in the future will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting, so more information will be in my next BESE newsletter!

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