## St. Paul's Constituent District 23 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting via Zoom Tuesday, February 1, 2022 5:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Arthur Holmes, Josephine Matthews, Blanche Bowens, Tiffany Deas-Smalls, Richard Truesdale, Francenia Nelson, Charles Glover

**Liaison Present:** Robin Jones

#### **Proceedings:**

#### L. Call to Order, Invocation/Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by the Board Chair, Arthur Holmes, followed by the invocation, a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. Adoption of Agenda:

Tiffany Deas-Smalls moved, with a second by Francenia Nelson to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

## **III.** Approval of Minutes:

Blanche Bowens moved, with a second by Tiffany Deas-Smalls, to approve the minutes from January 11, 2022. The motion passed 7-0.

#### **IV.** Public Comments/Visitors:

Public comment: Martha Davis, community member – "What, if anything, can be done about the continual fights that are occurring at BHMHS. Are we going to have to wait until someone gets seriously hurt before this is put to a halt?"

#### V. District Updates:

Board Liaison, Robin Jones, reported:

- a. January 25 February 25 School Choice Application Window
- b. January 29, 2022 Ellington participated in the Virtual School Choice Fair
- c. February 5, 2022 CCSD Office of Family and Community Engagement(FACE) will host a school Expo at North Charleston High and the Cooper River CAS

#### **VI.** Constituent Board Report:

#### A. Chairman's Report:

Mr. Holmes shared that February 1<sup>st</sup> marked the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Varying school events and African-American history events are scheduled for D23. Board members were encourage to attend, if able. He will attend the FACE Expo along with Ms. Deas-Smalls.

#### B. Board Member's Report

Ms. Deas-Smalls shared that she will attend the FACE Expo and participate in varying sessions. Also, Ms. Roberts at Minnie Hughes will, by appointment, provide 1:1 assistance to parents/guardians that want to register their children online for PreK and Early Headstart.

#### VII. Old Business:

*Draft Letter Review:* Arthur Holmes shared the drafted letter addressed to the County Board voicing their concerns about the Reimagine School Proposal. Tiffany Deas-Smalls

moved, with a second by Francenia Nelson, to accept the letter as written and submit to the CCSD County Board. The motion passed 7-0.

# VIII. New Business

D23 Community Meeting:

Board members shared their rationale for the community meeting and referenced various engagement with parents and community concerning the numbers of student fights at Baptist Hill High School. Dates and times will be determined at a later date.

# IX. Announcements

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## X. Adjournment:

Josephine Matthews moved, seconded by Tiffany Deas-Smalls, to adjourn. The motion passed 7 -0. Board chair adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.

**Approved 3.1.22**