

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom Conference Line) Minutes**  
**June 15, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Monica Smith, Pat Cline, Tamy Lockhart, Dr. Karen Simmons, Leon Green, Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:**

The board meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by the Board Chair, Monica Smith.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Dr. Karen Simmons, to adopt the agenda as written. The motion passed 4-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Pat Cline, to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2021 and June 8, 2021 meetings. The motion passed 4-0.

*Rev. Gertie Ford and Leon Green arrived.*

**IV. Visitors/Public Comments:**

There were no public comments submitted by the established deadline.

**V. District Updates:**

Ms. Terri Nichols provided the following updates:

- St. John's High Graduation ~ Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- Last day for students ~ June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Teacher workday/last day for teachers ~ June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Schools and Offices closed (Independence Day observance) ~ July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting ~ June 28<sup>th</sup>
- Combined Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees Meeting ~ July 19<sup>th</sup>

**VI. Constituent Board Report:**

Ms. Smith provided a recap of upcoming graduation and promotion ceremonies in District 9.

**VII. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:**

School updates attached.

**VIII. Old Business:**

A. Annual Report Presentation

The board reviewed the first draft of the Annual Report and made corrections and adjustments as needed.

**IX. New Business:**

No new business shared.

**X. Announcements:**

Board members were encouraged to complete the ESSER survey.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

**Approved 8.10.21**

## District 9 School Updates

June 15, 2021

### Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford

- Monday, June 14 - Wednesday, June 16: Device Return - Please return your remote child's iPad/Chromebook during this time.
- Wednesday, June 16: 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony @ 10am \*\*By Invitation Only\*\*
- Thursday, June 17: Field Day! Please make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle!
- Friday, June 18th: Half Day; Last Day for Students; Dismissal will be @ 11:30am.

### Mt. Zion Elementary – Tamy Lockhart

Mt Zion SIC Meeting June 9, 2021, 5:00 PM

- Mt Zion will be visited this Friday 9-12:30, career day and they will have a fire truck, an army truck and a helicopter showing up.
- This is the last SIC meeting for this school year.
- Mt Zion had the highest math scores in the District. They celebrated with the kids and will celebrate with the teachers next. There was also good growth in reading.
- The change to the Bridge curriculum has really paid off.
- Field day was a big success.  
The promotion ceremony will be outside.
- Ms. Nguyen is moving to a school downtown and a new counselor has been hired that they are excited about, Heather Anderson is her name. Nurse Abby Bedford is retiring and will be greatly missed. Two new teachers have been hired and one or two more will be hired. A third Kindergarten teacher has been hired. Another new teacher will join the first grade and another third-grade teacher will be hired. There will be three first grades and three kindergarten classes. There are space issues but they will just work it out. They will have four trailers next year, which is eight classrooms. They will be evaluating the existing two trailers to see if they need to be replaced but by next summer there will be four trailers. The fourth and second grades have grown quite a lot. They may have three second-grade classes next year and no space next year. They do not want to close the computer lab for space. They may use the stage if they have to. There was a suggestion next year to do a flyer that talks about the SIC, the PTA, and all other school resource information and try to encourage more parents to participate. Ms. Mimms indicated there is some Title I funds we can use to create in English and Spanish.
- We will definitely have a SIC meeting in September and we may opt to have one in August. Ashley Burke will email us in July.
- CD is filling up, there are already 20 students. The Headstart trailer is being refurbished with new furniture to accommodate more students. This past year they had to have virtual Headstart this year due to Covid.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony starting at 9 a.m.

### Haut Gap Middle School – Leon Green

#### Haut Gap Happenings

- Project Based Learning (PBL) is quickly becoming a reality at Haut Gap! Science and Math classes have been busy planning and building a chicken coop and an irrigation system for our garden. Students are engaged utilizing skills gained from grade level standards to plan, create, and analyze the process.
- Summer Reading will include many choices for students this year. Each student will receive three free books to take home for Summer Reading. Haut Gap will also utilize the Charleston County Public Library Summer Reading program along with the SC Book Awards list.
- Our Faith Based Partner, St. John's Parish, were on campus June 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the end of school with ice cream for students and doughnuts for teachers. We are very appreciative of the St. John's Angels and all they do for our Haut Gap Family!

- SCREADY Testing was administered to all students in grades 6-8 June 7, 8, and 9. The Algebra I End of Course exam was administered June 10<sup>th</sup> along with the sixth grade SC PASS Science exam. Many of our remote students joined us for testing. It was great to see them in person!
- Eighth Grade Promotion is scheduled for June 15, 2021. The ceremony will stream live for all to view. The ceremony will not be open to the public. We will continue the promotion celebration with a Promotion Parade directly afterward.
- Haut Gap Middle will be a site for the CCSD Summer Enrichment Camp. This camp is organized by CCSD and all invites come from the district, **not Haut Gap Middle School**. Ms. Begley will be the site coordinator. We are expecting 75 students from Haut Gap Middle and C.E. Williams Middle School. Transportation and lunches will be provided.
- Charleston County School District is using ESSER funding to provide extra teachers to all schools. Many students across the district are in need of extra instruction to bridge the pre-Covid/covid academic gap. We are currently assessing curriculum and faculty needs in order to advertise for these new positions.
- Construction is under way! Several classrooms and a Fine Arts wing are being added to the existing building. Construction will continue through summer break and into next school year.

### St. John's High School – Dr. Karen Simmons

- Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Academic and Athletic Award Ceremony went well.
- Two students received over \$300,000 in tuition and grant money.
- St. Johns students received over a million dollars in scholarship and grants.
- Graduation is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- Mr. Larson hosted two Zoom session with parents of rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders to answer questions and share plans for accelerated academic programs.
- St. John's High School students will have access to the Center for Advanced Studies (CAS), offering a variety of courses to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students.