

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom Conference Line) Minutes
October 20, 2020**

Board Members Present: Monica Smith, Pat Cline, Tamy Lockhart, Karen Simmons, Renea Bligen, Cheryl Glover, Leon Green

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 Karen Simmons, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Renea Bligen moved, seconded by Karen Simmons, to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2020, meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

IV. Public Comments:

There were no comments submitted.

V. Executive Session:

Monica Smith moved, seconded by Tamy Lockhart, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0.

VI. Open Session Reconvened:

Monica Smith moved, seconded by Renea Bligen, to return to Open Session. The motion passed 7-0.

VII. Vote on Executive Session Items:

The board approved the requests for students 1 and 2 to remain at St. John's High School.

VIII. Constituent Board Chair Report:

Ms. Smith did not have a formal report to share.

IX. District Updates:

Mr. Briggman shared that Lakevia Mills, St. John's High School teacher, is CCSD's Teacher of the Year.

Current vacancies in District 9 include a Resource teacher at Mt. Zion.

The Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020.

X. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:

Report attached.

XI. Old Business:

No old business discussed.

XII. New Business:

The board reviewed the responses to the Request for Information – 6th Graders in Haut Gap's Magnet Program.

XIII. Public Notification:

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XIV. Adjournment:

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

District 9 School Updates

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St. John's High - Dr. Karen Simmons

- High School students in virtual learning are not turning in homework.
- The Booster Club will be meeting on Monday, October 26th. The team welcomes the public's attendance to gather feedback.
- The football team received a \$2,000 donation.

Mt. Zion Elementary – Tamy Lockhart

- The Mt Zion School Improvement Committee met October 14th at 5:00 p.m. Ashley Burke chair of the SIC hosted the meeting via Zoom.
- SIC elections have been completed and the committee now includes Jean Howard, Community Member, Sanicqua Robinson, who heads the PTO, and Kim LaBoard, Member Extraordinaire.
- Mt Zion received new allocations for a second grade and a 4th grade teacher after the last student enrollment count. Title I funds paid for those 2 teacher positions are now free to use in other ways.
- There is now a fulltime Guidance position and the part time Parent Educator position may be reallocated through Title I.
- The Literacy Grant program is up and running. Donations have been received from the Seacoast Church, and funding from the Morton Family grant is expected to provide students with headsets.
- Current enrollment is 150 in person students, and about 100 virtual students. Head Start space is now limited but two classes of 6 students are in session. There is a reduction in CD and Head Start students but this is mostly voluntary by the families.
- Kiawah Cares still has funds in place to help fund STEM programs at Mt Zion. Project Lead the Way will be started in the third grade and plans are being formulated to roll it out to grades one and four. There is also planning going on to determine who will be trained next. They may need more materials due to Covid-19 that the funds can be used for. Holly indicated if they would like to make it STEAM instead of just STEM programs, the grant could be extended to cover Arts programs. Ms. Mims indicated she is reviewing the new state standards to ensure that the Project Lead the Way projects reflect the State curriculum.
- There is a pilot program for current volunteers to provide tutoring via Zoom.
- There are no plans at this point for Field Trips, however some are being offered as virtual trips, which can take students anywhere in the world.
- The Wildcat weekly newsletter is going to parents by email and is also on the Mt Zion Facebook page.
- Long term the group would like to meet with other SICs to discuss many items, but in particular Project Lead the Way activities to ensure there is continuity from Elementary school math and science, which feeds into Haut Gap curriculum, and also John's High School curriculum.

Frierson Elementary – Monica Smith

- Frierson's PTA meeting has been rescheduled for October 27th via zoom.

Haut Gap Middle – Cheryl Glover

- A notice was sent out to the parents of all students that are learning remotely/virtually asking if they would like to continue virtually or in person. Parents have until October 23rd to respond to the notice.