

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2022

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. Agenda notice was distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal, Woodruff Times, and listed on the District website at spartanburg4.org/do/agenda.

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. Minutes of the November 14 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for December 2022 is attached.
2. WPS students and staff donated more than 2,500 items to The Woodruff Soup Kitchen in October and November.
3. On November 16th, WPS participated in a tree planting project with The Noble Tree Foundation and Trees Upstate to plant 8 new trees on the playground. First grade classes were able to assist in planting the trees.
4. WPS students learned about Veterans Day! Students participated in programs, wrote cards and letters to veterans, and read about the meaning of Veterans Day. Students created poppies as a symbol of sacrifice in art class.
5. MAP Testing for kindergarten, first, and second grade students will begin on December 5th.
6. WPS held a family literacy night called Camp Read-A-Lot! Students and their parents came out to participate in a variety of literacy activities and games. All students received a free book! We had a great turn-out and received a lot of positive feedback. Kindergarten teacher, Susan Richard, and the event committee did an excellent job planning the event. Our next family event will be in the spring.

December 2022

- 1 - Healthy Smiles Dental Screening
- 5 – Mid-Year Assessments Begin
- 16 – North Pole Day

Enrollment

Nov. 28, 2022					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	51		58	-7	7- Moon (Special Education)
4k	139		144	-5	2- Kakule (Special Education) 2 - McT 1- Moon (Special Education)
5K	187		190	-3	3 -Kakule (Special Education)
1st	198		205	-7	4 - CDC & McT 3 -Humerez (Special Education)

2nd	178		184	-6	6 - Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	753		781	-28	8 - Humerez, 6- Kakule, 8 - Moon 4 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. We will MAP test on November 29th and December 1st.
2. We will hold our annual Spelling Bee in the media center on December 5th. These class winners will participate:

4th Grade:

Brannon:	Winner – Jaycee Barnett	Alternate – Caleb Henderson
Littlejohn:	Winner – Ansley Couch	Alternate – Anna Leigh Owens
Montjoy:	Winner – Natalie Thackston	Alternate – Cael Harper
Watson:	Winner – Trinity Jamison	Alternate – Jenna Taylor
Stonesifer:	Winner – Caleb Dickerson	Alternate – Joziah Duncan
Harrison:	Winner – Kaylee Lynn	Alternate – Layne Scott
Wallace:	Winner – Wyatt Goetz	Alternate – Cooper Hutcherson
Young:	Winner – Jayden Brissie	Alternate – Braylen Hatten

5th Grade:

Darnell:	Winner – Vivian Page	Alternate – Sierra Pederson
Tollison:	Winner – Cevanna Campos	Alternate – John Theriot
Gaffney:	Winner – Carson Calhoun	Alternate – Alanna Bivings
Merck:	Winner – Reagan Tumblin	Alternate – Ruby Lambert
Williams:	Winner – Brianna Morris	Alternate – Aiden Simmons
Robinson:	Winner – Eliza Guastero	Alternate – Kahlan Bulikowski
Thompson:	Winner- Mia Johnson	Alternate – Kaydon Hawkins
Urban:	Winner – Jimena Garcia	Alternate - Curtis Crowe
Mosteller:	Winner – Alexis Miller	Alternate – Grace McCall

3. We were pleased with the turnout of family members and guests at the Veterans' Day Program.
4. During the month of December, students and staff members can participate in fun and festive activities planned by our "Christmas Week" committee. We will have an ugly Christmas sweater day, holiday headgear day, red and green day, and dress like a character from a Christmas movie day. The students are most excited about Polar Express day because they get to wear pajamas.
5. The student council has sponsored a canned food drive. Will Clemson fans donate the most canned foods, or will it be the University of SC fans?
6. We held a book fair from November 28th through December 2nd.
7. Someone from the Walmart Distribution Center contacted us and would like to donate a hoodie to every child in the school. The delivery date is TBA.

December

- 1- MAP Testing
- 5- Spelling Bee
WE Singers
- 6- Gifted Art
- 7- Field Trip for Young and Hyatt's class
- 12- 5th Grade Watershed

13- 5th Grade Watershed

16- Christmas Program- Activity Center- 9:00 am

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 11/29/22:

3 rd Grade	213
4 th Grade	207
5 th Grade	232

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 215 7th – 232 8th – 237
2. 2nd Nine Weeks report cards will be issued January 4.
3. FCA and Maroon on a Mission filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
4. WMS basketball kicked off the season by hosting the annual Cub Classic with teams from Hickory Tavern, Boiling Springs and Campobello Gramling. The WMS boys won the tournament with the girls finishing as runners-up.
5. Over 100 students were recognized as WMS students on the PROWL first semester. Post cards were mailed home for each student.
6. The rising 9th grade registration process begins December 8 with WHS meeting with 8th grade teachers. Parent night for rising 9th graders will be held January 10.
7. Winter MAP testing is underway.

Calendar of Events:

- Dec 5 WMS bball home vs Ewing
- Dec 6 WMS band concert at WHS at 5pm
- Dec 7 WMS wrestling at McCracken
- Dec 8 WHS meets with 8th teachers /Choral concert at AC at 7pm/WMS bball at Sims
- Dec 9 Christmas concerts at school/Mid-year SLO
- Dec 10 WMS wrestling at Sptg Cty
- Dec 12 ENCORE exams completed/WMS bball at Clifdale
- Dec 13 ELA exams
- Dec 14 Math exams
- Dec 15 Science and social studies exams/WMS wrestling at Byrnes/WMS bball at R Lake
- Dec 16 Make-up exams/Winter MAP closes
- Dec 19-30 Christmas break
- Jan 3 Students return
- Jan 4 Report Cards/WMS wrestling at WHS
- Jan 5 WMS bball at Mabry/8th tours WHS
- Jan 7 WMS wrestling at B Springs
- Jan 9 WMS bball at Ewing
- Jan 10 Rising 9th night at WHS

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. Thursday, November 3, students with zero demerits at the end of first nine weeks were rewarded with a free ice cream scoop from Scoop's during lunch. Faculty and staff also received one for free.

2. Friday, November 11, WHS held a Veterans Day Assembly. Our very own James Taylor spoke. The students were very attentive as he shared that we all have characteristics of a veteran, but the one he challenged us with was to have/show courage.
3. Sunday, November 13, the Art Society held their annual Empty Bowls fundraiser. Those in attendance went home with a free bowl made by WHS students.
4. Monday, November 14, National Honor Society inducted 21 new members. The ceremony was very respectable, and refreshments were served afterwards.
5. Monday, November 21, the ASVAB was given. We had 20 students participate in this testing. It is another way for students to become College and Career Ready.
6. Monday, November 28, the Fall Sports Banquet was held. Teams, players and coaches were recognized for their hard work and dedication. Attendance was good and refreshments were served afterwards.
7. Tuesday, November 29, the ninth-grade class toured RD Anderson. Thanks to Ty Dawkins who made this possible.
8. November 29 and November 30, Woodruff 101 and College and Career Prep classes participated in the Drive to Zero program. A simulator was brought in where students experience the dangers of texting and driving and driving under the influence along with other various distractions.
9. Guidance held two Lunch and Learns during the month of November. Present to share was Britni Morgan (Mental Health and the Holidays) and Chancellor Bennie Harris from USC Upstate.
10. FCA, NHS and the Beta Club participated in collecting and boxing 86 boxes.
11. Student Council collected canned foods for the local soup kitchen. Five teachers were represented and the one with the most cans donated to them got a "Pie in the Face". Mr. Gilstrap won.
12. Saturday, November 26, the USC Gamecocks defeated the Clemson Tigers 31-30.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Principals are holding mid-year conferences with teachers to discuss progress toward Student Learning Objectives and/or Professional Development Plans. They will conduct the preliminary evaluation conferences and enter results into SC LEAD by December 16th.
2. The next Induction class will be held on December 13th. The December session will address the following topics: Ethics for Educators, Maintaining Professional Boundaries with Students, Effective Teachers Research, and the SC Teaching Standards under the Professionalism Domain.
3. In addition to graduate courses, VirtualSC offers courses for renewal credits that educators can use to renew their licenses. These online renewal courses are provided at reduced rates of \$50 - \$85. Certain courses through VirtualSC are approved to meet the Read to Succeed requirements. Registration for Spring 2023 courses opens January 9th – 30th. Courses begin in February.

Mrs. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. I attended the McKinney-Vento conference in Greenville as a representative of Spartanburg Four to make sure we are in compliance with serving the homeless population of students. The conference was very informative and provided information on funding, transportation, and services that are available for families experiencing homelessness.
2. Budgets have been approved for Title I, Title II, Title IV, CTE, ESSER II, ESSER III, and McKinney-Vento. The amendments for the current applications will be submitted by the end of the December for approval. Items for classrooms and teachers will be ordered and hopefully arrive for use beginning in January.

3. Spartanburg Four will have student artwork showcased at Chapman Cultural Center during December. There will be a reception for an opportunity to do a walkthrough to observe the art. During February there will be a county-wide exhibit for all districts and schools. Look for more information about specific dates and times to attend to show support for Spartanburg Four students.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Schools are completing the midyear MAP formative assessment with students. MAP assists teachers in identifying student strengths and weaknesses as well as enables the targeting of instruction. MAP also provides a predictability model that gives the probability of a student meeting or exceeding state standards on SC Ready in May. For the 2022-2023 school year, the South Carolina Department of Education has been directed under the Interim Assessment Proviso 1.86 to create a report on student performance statewide. This report sent will contain student fall, midyear, and spring assessment information for all students in grades 1-8.
2. The 2022-2023 early precode process has begun for SCReady, SCPASS, and EOCEP. These assessments will take place during the last twenty calendar days of the 2022-2023 school year. Students in 11th grade will participate in the WIN Ready to Work career assessment on March 28th. Seniors who need to retest to become Career Ready will retest on March 28th.
3. A revised assessment schedule for the 2022-2023 school year is attached. In January, the process to prepare for upcoming assessment windows will begin for all schools. This process will include district and school meetings as well as numerous trainings to ensure each testing environment meets the requirements set forth by the South Carolina Department of Education.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. SPED
 - a. On November 16 and 17 the Office of Special Education Services at the SC Department of Education held their annual Director Summit at Brookland Baptist Church in Columbia. I was able to participate in this event in which SPED Law and state-wide resources were discussed.
2. SPED Caseload
 - a. We are currently serving 507 students under an IEP or 504. Our numbers are continuing to grow.
3. Mental Health Counseling
 - a. I recently attended a meeting regarding Mental Health in Spartanburg County and this is an increased area of need across all school districts and our county. Currently, we offer mental health services for students through our in district mental health staff as well as contract services through the Department of Mental Health in Spartanburg. Currently, around 13% of our students utilized school-based mental health services. Spartanburg 4 staff and their immediate family members have access to mental health services as a part of our EAP. Currently, we have roughly 4% of our staff using this service for issues related to anxiety.

Facilities

1. BAN 2022 Projects - List attached.
2. 2022 / 2023 School Year Projects – Listing attached.
3. Bus Driver Honored – Ms. Martha Duckett was honored on 11/21/22 for 35 years of service to District 4 as a bus driver.

4. New Trees – Trees Upstate along with The Noble Tree Foundation provided and planted (16) 15-gallon trees at WES and WPS during the month of November. Students participated in planting and received a lesson on the importance of trees and their proper care. TU & NTF will also donate \$250 per tree planted to the schools.

Superintendent

1. Provided a poinsettia for each board member as a small token of appreciation.
2. Thanked Sandy Norman and Gordon Godfrey for attending the SCSBA Delegate Assembly.
3. Provided copies of the 23-24 personnel timeline, and certified letter of intent.
4. Provided copies of policies updates that were approved at the November meeting.

Board Action

1. Approved Olivia Grace Starnes as a Woodruff Primary School Teacher for the 23-24 school year.