

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2022

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, September 12, 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 August 1 and August 15 meetings were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for September 2022 is attached.
2. Beginning of the year assessments are being finalized.
4K- GOLD (ongoing)
5K – MAP Fluency and MAP Math
1st – MAP Fluency, MAP Reading, MAP Math
2nd – MAP Reading and MAP Math
Teachers will continue to administer the following:
4K – DIAL-4
5K – KRA
1st - Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmark Assessments
2nd - Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmark Assessments
3. WPS will host four clinical students this fall from USC Upstate and Sacramento State University. These education majors will work with teachers to complete a required number of hours in classroom working with students.
4. WPS will hold its first School Improvement Council meeting on October 12th. The election of parent representatives is in progress.
5. In professional development sessions this school year, WPS teachers are working with Dr. Anne Gutshall from The College of Charleston. Teachers will learn about the brain's ability to change in response to experiences and environments. Teachers will learn ways to work with students in order to build neuroplasticity and create a growth mindset.

September 2022

5 – Labor Day – No School

12 – Charleston Wrap Fundraiser to Begin

14 – Interims Issued

21- Fall Pictures

30 – School Family Celebration

August 31, 2021					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	49		57	-8	8- Moon (Special Education)
4k	139		143	-4	3 – Kakule (Special Education)

					1 – McT
5K	193		195	-2	2 –Kakule (Special Education)
1st	191		197	-6	4 – CDC & McT 2 –Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	176		183	-7	7 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	748		775	-27	9 – Humerez, 5– Kakule, 8 – Moon 3 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Students began MAP testing on August 29th.
2. Laptops and chrome books have been distributed to students. The librarian has been implementing lessons with students regarding digital citizenship and taking care of school property.
3. Congratulations to the following students for their recent MAX out scores 😊 -
4. Math: Wyatt Goetz, Robert Pettay, Brenna Sullivan and Kaelyn Young
5. Science: Mykel Brown, Jacob Drolson, and Aaron Taylor
6. *Administrators* met with Officer Murphy and Office Taylor to discuss the new visitor management system, Navigate 360.
7. Based on feedback from teachers, we are having an Open House on Thursday, September 15th from 5 until 7. Teachers felt like after the first few weeks of school it would be helpful for parents to have a meeting to explain SC Ready scores, school procedures, MAP testing, curriculum, etc. It will also give parents the opportunity to ask questions.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 9/2/22:

3 rd Grade	206
4 th Grade	204
5 th Grade	230

September

- 4 – Vector Training is due
- 5 – No school
- 6 – Full Faculty meeting
 - Gifted Art
 - 4th Grade MAP with homeroom teachers
- 7 – 3rd Grade MAP math
- 8 – 4th Grade MAP with switch teacher
 - SIC Meeting
 - Good News Club (media center)
- 9 – Student Council representative due to Mrs. Pittman and Mr. Crook.
- 12 – WE Singers
- 13 – Gifted Art
- 14 – Interims Issued

- 15 – Good News Club
Open House from 5:00 to 7:00
- 19 – WE Singers
- 20 – Fall pictures
Gifted art
- 22 – Good News Club
- 26 – WE Singers
- 27 – Gifted Art
Everyday Mathematics PD at 3:15
- 28 – See You at the Pole
- 29 – Good News Club

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
6th – 218 7th – 229 8th – 235
2. Interims will be sent home with students on September 14.
3. MAP testing is on-going.
4. Gifted Art, FCA, Maroon on a Mission, and the fishing team have each started their fall meeting schedule.
5. WMS volleyball season began with a tournament over Labor Day weekend.
6. Football began Thursday, September 6.

Calendar of Events:

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| Sept 12 | WMS vb at Chesnee |
| Sept 13 | Ice cream sales |
| Sept 14 | Interims/WMS vb at home vs Mabry |
| Sept 15 | WMS fb at vs Clifdale/ fishing team after school |
| Sept 16 | make-up pics |
| Sept 19 | WMS vb at home vs Rainbow Lake |
| Sept 21 | WMS vb at home vs. Blacksburg |
| Sept 22 | WMS fb at Sims/ fishing team after school |
| Sept 23 | Youth night/WMS night at WHS football vs Broome |
| Sept 26 | WMS vb at Clifdale |
| Sept 27 | ice cream sales |
| Sept 28 | WMS vb at Ewing |
| Sept 29 | WMS fb at Ewing/ fishing team after school |
| Sept 30 | Writer's showcase due/MAP closes |

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. Open House was held on August 11 and was a huge success. Several teachers commented that this was the most students and parents they have seen in a long time. Ms. Abrams also held a college planning informational meeting with seniors and their parents. It was also well attended.
2. During the first week of school students attended many class meetings and they met with advisors to review school policies and procedures covered in the handbook. A handbook test was given on August 18.
3. The Ring Ceremony was held on August 22. We had 54 juniors to receive their class ring. Due to the upperclassmen bleachers being down, we filled up the freshman side. A reception was held afterwards. Thanks to guidance for providing a photo op for our students.
4. Our students participated in their first Code Red/Yellow drill of the year. Everyone took it very seriously. Officer Taylor and Officer Calhoun were on site to assist.

5. Guidance has begun to host “Lunch and Learns” during all three lunches. These will take place once a month in the Media Center and cover various topics. (August 31-Careers, September 2 – Mental Health)
6. WHS Student Council hosted their first pep rally of the year for our opening game against JL Mann. The student body was very spirited. The spirit stick went to the seniors, but it was a close call between them and our freshman class.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Teachers are evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system. Teachers and principals access and sign evaluation forms in SC LEAD. This system requires a specified number of meetings to discuss progress toward Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and feedback on classroom observations. Principals provided orientations for induction, annual, and continuing contract teachers at the beginning of the school year. They are currently meeting with staff to discuss and establish SLOs. These meetings must be completed by September 23rd.
2. Principals are evaluated under the PADEPP system. They are required to set goals related to student achievement and/or the needs assessment in the School Renewal Plans. In addition, principals are evaluated on the nine PADEPP standards every three years. They are evaluated on two of the nine PADEPP standards every year, which are Instructional Leadership and Principal’s Professional Development. The deadline for their orientation and goal-setting conferences is September 15th.
3. Thirty-four teachers have professional licenses that will expire on June 30, 2023. Twelve of those teachers have already submitted the 120 credits required for certificate renewal.
4. The Read to Succeed Literacy Plans are due to the SC Department of Education by October 14th. School literacy teams will meet to review ELA data, self-assess on practices listed in the Read to Succeed Exemplary Literacy Reflection Tool, and set goals for the upcoming school year.
5. The first Induction class will meet on September 19th. The September session will address the following topics: overview of the induction program, Expanded ADEPT system, SC Teaching Standards 4.0 rubric, SC LEAD evaluation portal, data analysis, needs assessment, and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs).
6. Interim reports will be issued on Wednesday, September 14th.

Mrs. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. All schools will begin completing the reflection tool as a part of the required District and Schools Reading Plans which are due October 14th to the state department. Teachers will be asked a series of questions regarding the teaching of reading in their classrooms. From these surveys, goals will be created to focus on for the school year. Schools will also use data from the FY22 school year in developing the plan.
2. Grants have been submitted for the FY23 school year for Title I, Title II, Title IV, and Career and Technology Education. Principals have also been given the opportunity for input into ESSER funds that are available for learning loss.
3. All students have completed requirements for Proof of Residency for the FY23 school year. The district office will continue to process new enrollees. Many parents had positive comments about the process and how easy it was to complete. Carridy Bender contacted all those students who had not responded and worked to get withdrawal paperwork to make sure students were accounted for across the district.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Schools have issued Chromebooks for 3rd-12th grade students and iPads for Woodruff Primary School students. At present, close to 98% of Chromebooks have been issued to students in 3rd- 12th grade and 90% of iPads have been issued to students at Woodruff Primary School.
2. Mrs. Samantha Pearson (WPS and WES) and Mrs. Stefanie Harrison (WMS and WHS), Ed Tech Specialists for Spartanburg School District Four, will begin offering professional development opportunities this month for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Please see the attached link to visit the Tech Talk September edition- <https://www.smores.com/ws3qu>
4. The 2021-2022 Spartanburg School District Four District and School Report Cards will post on October 13, 2022. While the U.S. Department of Education waived school ratings, assessments, and other reporting requirements for this "report to the community" for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year, report cards for the 2021-2022 school year will resume all reporting categories for all districts in South Carolina.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. SPED

- a. We will begin working with our High School Self-contained classes with the Reading Horizon Curriculum. This will be beneficial for our students who are working in a non-diploma program.
- b. We have partnered with Spartanburg School District 2 and District 3 for a SPED law class that began today. This class is for administrators and liaisons in each district who want to learn more about laws surrounding Special Education. The class will meet 6 times this school year.

2. Mental Health Counseling

- a. Spartanburg County has recently opened a Mental Health Center for Children, Adolescents and Family Engagement known as the CAFÉ.
- b. The school district can refer students to the CAFÉ rather than the Emergency room if a Columbia Screener is completed.
- c. It is currently open, but a grand opening is scheduled for later this month.

3. Teacher Schedules/Caseloads

- a. SPED Teachers are sending me their schedules and caseloads. We are conducting IEP and 504 meetings district wide.

Facilities

1. BAN 2022 Projects - List attached.
2. 2022 / 2023 School Year Projects – Listing attached.
3. WMS Classroom Renovation – Complete 8/13/22
4. Restroom Floor Maintenance – Completed 7/17/22.
5. Extermination – Completed week of Aug. 1
6. Bus Washing – Completed 8/8/22.

Superintendent

1. Thank you to all for a great and safe school opening.
2. The administration team has been reviewing safety protocols and training and will give an update to the board at the October meeting.

Action

1. Approved McMillian, Pazdan, Smith as architect firm for the new Woodruff High School project.