

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

December 7, 2020

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. at Woodruff Elementary School. Agenda notice was distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal, Woodruff Times, and listed on the District website at [spartanburg4.org/do/agenda](http://spartanburg4.org/do/agenda).

Chairman Melvin Brewton called the meeting to order. Minutes of the November 9, 2020 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 2020 is attached.
2. WPS, in partnership with Papa John's Pizza in Woodruff, is hosting monthly fundraising events. A portion of all sales will be donated to the school. The second event was held on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. WPS donated a total of 2,630 items to The Woodruff Soup Kitchen.
4. Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students began MAP Testing this week. Kindergarten students will complete MAP Reading Fluency and MAP Math. First grade students will complete MAP Reading Fluency, MAP Reading, and MAP Math. Second grade students will complete MAP Reading and MAP Math. Virtual School students will also complete appropriate grade level assessments.
5. Kindergarten teachers, in partnership with Spartanburg Academic Movement, will complete the Early Development Instrument (EDI) questionnaire for all of their students. Parents will be asked to complete a survey online. EDI results are reported as the percentage of children who are developmentally "vulnerable", "at-risk", or "on track." The information provided by both tools will be used by SAM to drive interventions and improve school readiness over time.
6. Mrs. Dover attended a teacher recruitment fair at Anderson University on November 9<sup>th</sup> and plans to attend a virtual teacher recruitment event on December 7<sup>th</sup> for USC Upstate.
7. Ms. Melanie Wyatt, from Atlanta, GA, will be visiting WPS for the NAEYC accreditation visit sometime before December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will get one day's notice, before the 3-day visit.
8. Students participated in an outdoor story walk on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. They walked through the pages of the book, Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano, as their teacher read to them. Thanks to Tobey Rhodes, Media Specialist, for organizing this event.

## **December 2020**

Nov. 30 – Dec. 18 - NAEYC Visit Window  
1 – Papa John's Fundraiser Event  
1-16 – MAP Testing  
18 – North Pole Day  
21–31 – Christmas Holidays

## Enrollment

December 4, 2020					
Grade Level	# on Roll	Face to Face / Virtual	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	11		0	11	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	35	35/0	53	-18	6 – Moon (Special Education) 11- Early Head Start 1 – Special Services
4k	95	89/6	104	-9	2 –Special Services, 2 - CDC & 5 –Spivey (Special Education)
5K	166	157/9	169	-3	1 - Special Services & 2 - Humerez (Special Education)
1st	187	176/11	191	-4	4 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	188	169/19	193	-5	1 – McCarthy Teszler & 4 – Humerez (Special Education)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>703</b>		<b>710</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>4 - Special Services, 1 - McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Our school is privileged to partner with USC Upstate Watershed Ecology Center to bring in hands on science lessons that complement our standards and curriculum. With the current Pandemic, the Watershed Ecology Center has been forced to revamp their lessons to accommodate for schools who are teaching virtually and/or not allowing outside visitors. Fifth graders completed their first Watershed lesson, Wild Wetlands, on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students used their Chromebooks to sign on to a Zoom session with the instructor from USC Upstate. Mrs. Campbell shared a presentation about the different wetlands, demonstrated water runoff and pollution with a wetland model, and shared several live animals that find their habitats in the wetlands. Even though we did not get the “hands on” experiences we usually do with Watershed, it was very interactive and quite interesting for all students! We are extremely grateful for opportunities like this and very appreciative to companies such as Woodruff Roebuck Water District for partnering with and sponsoring the programs put on by the Watershed Ecology Center!
2. We will begin testing MAP math on December 1<sup>st</sup> and then MAP reading on December 8<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to be able to test more students at a time because of the addition of devices. We hope to have all make-ups complete before the Christmas holidays.
3. Congratulations to Joy Mitchell. Her classroom project “Diving into a Magical Book” was recently funded through Donors Choose. Mrs. Burnette also had her project “Help! SOS!” funded.

### December

- 1- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Math
- 2- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Math
- 3- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MAP Math
- 8- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Reading
- 9-4<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Reading
- 10-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MAP Reading
- 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> –PJ Day- Staff and students can wear appropriate pajamas
- 17- Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

## **Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 11/05/20:**

	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Face-to-Face	191	171	193
Virtual	20	20	17
Total	211	191	210

### **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup> – 224 7<sup>th</sup> – 206 8<sup>th</sup> – 212
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks report cards will be issued January 6.
3. Maroon on a mission sponsored a rivalry contest to support Helping Hands.
4. FCA sponsored a Bethlehem experience before school on December 4.
5. WMS basketball began December 3. Wrestling begins January 5.
6. Over 100 students were recognized as WMS students on the PROWL first semester. Post cards were mailed home for each student.
7. Congratulations to art students Angelina Tudor, Natalie Sprouse, Alissa Styles, Ruthie Sheffield, Gavin Kuronya and Nathan McConnell for having works in the D4 virtual display.
8. The rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration process begins December 8 with WHS meeting with 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Parent night for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be held January 12.

Calendar of Events:

January 4	teacher workday
January 5	WMS wrestling at WHS 6pm
January 6	report cards issued
January 7	WMS basketball at home vs. Rainbow Lake
January 11	WMS basketball at Cowpens
January 12	8 <sup>th</sup> grade parent night at the activity Center at 6:00
January 14	WMS basketball at home vs. Ewing/WMS wrestling at WHS
January 18	MLK holiday
January 21	WMS basketball at Mabry
January 22	WMS wrestling at WHS
January 25	WMS basketball at home vs. Chesnee
January 26	PSAT

### **Woodruff High School**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

Calendar of Events and Enrollment was distributed.

1. The registration process for the 2020-2021 school year is already underway. Pre-registration packets are under development with pre-registration to begin in January.
2. Teachers continue to focus on curriculum standards in preparation for EOC, Ready to Work, and ACT testing.
3. Woodruff High School held a Homecoming Parade on November 12, 2020. At the conclusion of the parade, Addie Ree Harrison was crowned Homecoming Queen and Sara Chiffon was crowned Maid of Honor.
4. Interim progress reports were distributed on November 11, 2020.
5. Fall Athletic Awards were held on November 30, 2020.

### **Instructional Reports**

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Induction contract teachers continue to meet monthly to learn the requirements of the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric and Expanded ADEPT, the SC teacher evaluation system. The next Induction class will meet on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Woodruff Elementary School Media Center. The December session will address the relationships among standards,

curriculum, instruction, and assessment, the gradual release of responsibility model of instruction, and differentiated instruction as part of the Planning Domain.

2. PADEPP is the principal evaluation system utilized in South Carolina. Principals are evaluated according to the nine PADEPP standards every third year. They are evaluated on Instructional Leadership and Professional Development every year. Principals provide documentation of evidence for the required PADEPP standards at the mid-year and end-of-year PADEPP conferences.
3. VirtualSC offers courses for renewal credits that educators can use to renew their licenses. These online courses are provided at reduced rates. Certain courses through VirtualSC are approved to meet the Read to Succeed requirements. Registration for Spring 2021 courses opens on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
4. Cognia is the accrediting agency that replaced AdvancED. The Cognia External Review Team will conduct a virtual review on March 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. Community meetings will be held in January and February in preparation for the review.
5. Administrators attended a Networking Event (with social distancing) to meet teacher candidates at Anderson University on November 9<sup>th</sup>. They plan to attend USC Upstate's Virtual Recruitment Fair on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following information:

1. Gave COVID updates for each school.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. Schools are formatively assessing students with MAP during the month December. 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.
2. Jessica Burnette, Spartanburg Four's Ed Tech Specialist, completed her second professional development opportunity with teachers around the district. Teachers spent time working in the Google Suite for Education environment, Kami, and EdPuzzle to name just a few!
3. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman used the waiver authority granted under Act 135 to waive the 20 percent requirement for all EOCEP assessments taken in the 2020–21 school year and has allowed district to determine how these assessments will be used for students. While a waiver to nullify assessments has been submitted to the United States Department of Education for spring 2021, Woodruff High School and Woodruff Middle School prepare for the administration of EOCEP assessments in May 2021. Woodruff High School and Woodruff Middle School will only add the EOCEP assessment to a student's grade if the addition of the tests improves the student's final average for the year.
4. A revised testing schedule for the 2020-2021 school year is attached.

### **Facilities**

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

### **Superintendent**

1. Provided Poinsettia and gift certificate for each board member as a small token of appreciation.
2. The Board and Administration will sponsor a Christmas Meal at each school.
3. Provided copies of 21-22 personnel timeline, and certified letter of intent.

### **Board Action**

1. Approved policy revision: GBEA- Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest.