

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom) Minutes
May 18, 2021

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

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by the Board Chair, Monica Smith.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Leon Green, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Tamy Lockhart moved, seconded by Dr. Karen Simmons, to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comments:

No Public Comments submitted.

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Tamy Lockhart, to move into Executive Session. The motion was approved 6-0.

V. Executive Session:

- A. Discipline Hearing
5.5.20: (380) Probation Violation

Renea Bligen arrived shortly after the board moved into Executive Session.

VI. Open Session Reconvened:

Rev. Gertie Ford moved, seconded by Renea Bligen to return to Open Session. The motion passed 7-0.

VII. Vote on Executive Session Items:

5.5.20 – A motion was made by Rev. Gertie Ford, seconded by Pat Cline, to allow student 5.5.20 to return to school on strict board probation for the remainder of the school year. The student will be placed on the footpath and will not be allowed to have a cellular device while on CCSD campus for the remainder of the school year. The probation contract is attached.

VIII. District Updates:

Ms. Francine Mitchell, provided the following updates:

- CCSD schools and offices will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.
- The last day of school for students is June 18, 2021; the last day for teachers is June 21, 2021.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Monday, May 24, 2021
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – Monday, June 14, 2021
- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Monday, June 28, 2021

IX. Constituent Board Report:

Ms. Smith encouraged the board to continue working on their recommendations for the Annual Report.

X. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:

A. School Updates – Report attached.

XI. Old Business:

No Old Business discussed.

XII. New Business:

No New Business discussed.

XIII. Announcements:

No Announcements shared.

XIV. Adjournment:

Board Vice Chair, Tamy Lockhart, adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Approved 6.1.21

District 9 School Updates

May 18, 2021

Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford

Dr. Davis-Cummings thanked all of the Frierson families for taking time to celebrate their faculty and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. “Your gifts and kindness teach our children the importance of giving, and we thank you for that important gift.”

- The Lower Elementary students begin MAP testing Monday, May 10-13; May 19-20 3rd thru 5th grade Map Testing; 18-21 4yr olds will be in MY_ICDIS Testing and 5yr old will be in Fast Bridge Testing. June 2-8 is SC Ready & Pass Testing.
- PTA Board Nominations went home the week prior May 9th. Please consider being a part of this important work. Nominations are due by May 20th.
- Wednesday, May 12th Spring Activity Bags went home with students! Please look out for this opportunity for some family fun.
- Friday, May 14th was a Free Dress Down Day!
- Monday, May 17th was an E-Learning Day, students worked from home on the 17th and completed assignments on their teacher’s provided digital platform.
- Wednesday, May 19th Progress Reports will be sent home with students.
- SIC meeting, Thursday, May 27th, 5:30 p.m., followed by PTA meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Please visit frierson.new.memberhub.store if you’re interested in becoming a member of our PTA, making a donation or would like to participate in the current fundraiser.

St. John’s High – Tamy Lockhart/Dr. Karen Simmons

On Friday May 7th, Charlie Brown, NFL star and graduate of John's High School presented the John's High Football team with a check for \$4000 from the NFL which will enable the team to buy new uniforms.



Pictured left to right- back row - Kevin Hammack, St. John's Athletic Director, Aiden Patno, Jayden Judge, Stephen Larson, Principal, Tamy Lockhart, Constituent School Board, Charlie Brown, Kenny Rivers, Trevor Strawderman

Other updates:

- 37 students committed to college or university next year, with 5 planning on or having joined the military
- 84 Students made the spring honor role
- Our track team won the Region 7 playoff
- Spring football practice has begun
- Last day for seniors will be June 4
- End of course exams begin June 2
- Graduation is June 18th at 7 pm in our stadium
- St. John's will be adding AP Literature, AP Language, AP Calculus, AP Human Geography, AP Environmental Science

Haut Gap Middle – 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.
- Students are being recognized for demonstrating personal responsible concerning their Chromebooks with special dress down passes. The PBIS committee has also sponsored a **No Zero Hero** dress down day. Students who currently do not have any zeroes for assignments will be able to dress down May 14th.
- Covid-19 has not deterred our partnership with St. John's Parish. The St. John's Angels kicked off Staff Appreciation at Haut Gap by providing McDonald's breakfast sandwiches May 3 to all faculty and staff. Our PTSA concluded the week with pizza and snacks May 7th.
- Gary Brown, Resource Teacher from St. John's High School met with rising 9th graders at Haut Gap May 10th. The meet and greet was perfect to help transition our middle school resource students into the high school. Thank you, Mr. Brown, for being so great with our students!
- MAP testing will occur May 24-25. All students in grades 6-8 will take the Measure of Academic Progress benchmark (MAP) in the content areas of Math and Reading. SCREADY Testing will be administered to all students in grades 6-8 June 7, 8, and 9.
- Eighth Grade Promotion is scheduled for June 15, 2021. The ceremony will be 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**. Please feel free to contact Erin Freeland with any questions. (843-559-6418 or Erin_Freeland@charleston.k12.sc.us)
- Magnet students that would like to continue with the program need to verify residency by June 30th.

Angel Oak Elementary – Pat Cline

During the SIC meeting, it was mentioned that CD and 3rd grade students will be in trailers for the 2021-2022 school year.