

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom Conference Line) Minutes**  
**February 16, 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 5:32 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:**

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Renea Bligen, to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2021 meeting. The motion passed 6-0.

**IV. Visitors/Public Comments:**

There were no comments submitted.

**V. Constituent Board Report:**

Ms. Smith reminded board members that their annual Ethics Commission Filing is due on March 30, 2021.

She also shared that Rev. Mack will be attending the March 2, 2021 meeting, along with the appropriate staff members, in response to the board's request.

**VI. District Updates:**

Mr. Briggman shared that the February Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The agenda includes discussion an update on COVID. He also shared current vacancies in District 9.

Pat Cline thanked Mr. Briggman for the training that was done with the new board members.

Board member, Renea Bligen, asked if there was any discussion to open schools up without the virtual. The board briefly discussed inviting Karolyn Belcher to an upcoming meeting to talk to the board about options for the fall.

**VII. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:**

A. School Updates – Report attached.

B. Tamy Lockhart shared brief highlights from the February 8<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**VIII. Old Business:**

No old business shared.

**IX. New Business:**

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Briggman to try to work with Haut Gap on getting it to be diverse with teaching staff. Parents continue to make comments and share concerns regarding the lack of diversity in the schools.

**X. Announcements:**

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**XI. Adjournment:**

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

**Approved 3.2.21**

# District 9 School Updates

## February 16, 2021

### Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford

- The community is welcomed to visit Edith L. Frierson Elementary School's website regarding the District's School Choice for the 2021-2022 school year. The registration will remain open until February 26, 2021.
- Edith L. Frierson is proud to announce their **Teacher of The Year (TOY)**:  
**Ms. Meghan Stuhmer**, Resource Teacher. Ms. Stuhmer has been with the school since 2019. She is described as a Change Agent who is committed and focused on the school, its scholars, faculty, and staff, from the lens of interactive collaboration for the benefit of the whole, with a perpetual enthusiasm for continuous growth and success. Ms. Stuhmer, per the reading (*E.L. Frierson's Website*), "Strives to recognize a student's effort and hard work through her one-on-one work with Learners and through collaboration with other teachers and school staff." **CONGRATULATIONS MS. STUHMER!!!**
- **School Improvement Council (SIC) & PTA**
  - The next SIC meeting will be held February 23rd @ 5:30 pm
  - There will not be a PTA meeting @ 6:30 pm

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### Angel Oak Elementary – Pat Cline

Angel Oak Elementary SIC meeting February 11, 2021

- Principal Condon gave a school update. 87% of student are back in person. 84 students are served through regional and temporary remote instruction. There are currently no school student clubs, however tennis will begin soon. Students attending in person are performing significantly better than those attending virtually. Several grade levels are planning virtual parenting events to target specific students for support at school and home.
- Most of Title 1 funds go to support the following positions:
  - Instructional Coach, Parent Advocate, Guidance Counselor (3-5) and Computer Science/Tech/STEAM teacher.
- Currently Title 1 students are 59.6% of the 650 total students enrolled. A comprehensive needs assessment will be conducted by the Title 1 Team in March/April to make decisions regarding Title 1 funding for next year.

### Mt. Zion Elementary – Tamy Lockhart

- Mt. Zion's SIC was moved out a week and is now scheduled to be held Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### St. John's High – Dr. Karen Simmons

- 30 additional students returned to school for the second semester.
- 130 students have a grade of D or below.
- Mr. Larson continues to explore various methods of capturing failing students and providing the support needed to help them improve their grades.
- The Upgrade Program (mentioned during the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) is scheduled to start on Saturday. Mr. Larson is looking for adults to come out and help with the students.