

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

April 9, 2018

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Agenda notices were distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal and listed on the District website at spartanburg4.org.

The following were present:

Chairman Milton Smith called the meeting to order. Minutes of the March 5, March 16, March 27 and March 28 meetings were approved.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge reported the following:

1. Calendar of Events for April 2018 was provided.
2. On April 19 we will have a Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We will raise money through donations, food sales, raffles, and other fun events. Woodruff Primary was ranked in the top 100 non-profit organizations to raise money for St. Jude.
3. Enrollment for the upcoming school year was held on Thursday, March 15, for 3K, 4K, and new 5K students. Developmental screenings for 3K have been completed. Screenings for 4K will be held at the beginning of the summer.
4. The Scholastic Book Fair was held in the WPS Media Center in March. Last year's spring book fair total was \$8931, but this year our total was over \$10,000. .
5. Gifted art and music screening will take place during the month of April.
6. Our MAP Pep Rally will be held on April 20. We will have an assembly for first and second graders.

Estimated Enrollment for WPS as of 3/29/18:

March				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	8	0	8	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
Family Literacy	0	0	0	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	1	0	1	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
Full day 3K	61	77	-16	4 -Moon, 8 - Childcare & 4 -Sheffield
4k	153	158	-5	1- McT, 3 - Moon & 1 - Humerez
5K	218	222	-4	1 - McT, 2 - Moon & 1 - Humerez
1st	198	200	-2	1 - Abner Creek & 1 - Humerez
2nd	206	213	-7	7 - Humerez
Special Education	10	0	10	Included in Grade Level Count
Moon	9	0	9	Included in Grade Level Count
	864	870	-6	1 - AC, 2 - McT & 3 - Sheffield

April

Community Project: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Character Value Emphasis: Trustworthiness

Career Focus: "The Business World" (Business, Management, and Sales)

2-6 – Spring Holidays

- 12 – 4 kindergarten classes to the Greenville Zoo
- 13 – 4 kindergarten classes plus Humerez to the Greenville Zoo
- 17 – Humerez’s class to Special Olympics
- 18 – all 4K classes to the Children’s museum
- 18 – Interim Reports Issued for 1st & 2nd Graders
- 19 – St. Jude Children’s Hospital Trike-a-Thon
- 16-20 – NAEYC Week of the Young Child
- 20 - MAP Pep Rally
Storytellers
- 22 – Earth Day
- 23 – Terrific Kid of the Year
- 23–27 – School Volunteer Week **We are thankful for our volunteers!!*
- 23–May 11 – MAP Testing (Reading & Math) – 1st & 2nd Grades
- 25– Administrative Professionals’/School Secretaries’ Day **Please let our secretaries and receptionists know how much we value them and their excellent work.*
- 27 – School Family Celebration Day – Wear School T-Shirts

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Turner gave the following report:

1. March 4- March18: SC Art Education Western Region Youth Art Month Exhibit-Several students had artwork displayed at the Governor’s School in Greenville. Georgia Amick, (4th grade), received 2nd place and her artwork will compete at the state competition.
2. March 7: State-Wide Tornado Drill- Students and faculty participated in the state-wide tornado drill at 10 am. This practice provided students and faculty an opportunity to practice safety should an actual emergency occur.
3. March 7: Regional Science Fair- Eighteen students represented WES in the Regional Science Fair at USC-Upstate. Taylor Martin, (4th grade), placed 2nd in the Elementary General Science Category and won the American Meteorological Society Award. Connor Davis, (3rd grade), won the National Audubon Society Award.
4. March 7: First Tee of Spartanburg- Four students from Woodruff Elementary School participated in the annual First Tee held at Brad Sill’s Golf Center.
5. March 15: School Safety Meeting- Officer Foster and Officer Taylor provided faculty and staff with an interactive training involving school safety. During this training, officers provided simulated events involving playground awareness, cafeteria exits, and hallway procedures in the event of an actual emergency.
6. March 19: Spartanburg County Youth Art Reception- Several students have art work displayed at the Chapman Cultural Arts Center from March11-April 15. Students and their guests enjoyed a reception held in their honor on March 19.
7. March 19- March 23: Woodruff Elementary School Book Week- Students enjoyed themed days centered on the love of literacy.
8. March 22: Family Literacy Night- Books and Blankets- 196 parents and students attended the first annual literacy night.
9. March 20: WE Singers Performance- Woodruff Elementary School students were treated to a special performance by the WE Singers during lunch. The WE Singers performed songs such as, “Sweet Caroline” and “We are the World”.
10. March 23: Homework/Spirit Celebrations- 458 students were rewarded for completing homework for the 3rd Nine Weeks.
11. March 27: 3rd Nine Weeks Award’s Day- All students were recognized for their recent efforts during fall MAP testing with the MAP Testing Achievement Award. Please find the total number of distributed awards attached in addition to student recognitions.

12. March 29: 3rd Grade SC History Day-3rd Grade students immersed themselves in the history of SC by attending sessions that involved Shag Dancing, Native Americans, and the American Revolution.
13. March 30: WES Panhandlers Performance- Woodruff Elementary School students were treated to a special performance by the WES Panhandlers during lunch. The Panhandlers performed such songs as “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” and “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”.

Grade Level	“A” Honor Roll	“B” Honor Roll	Perfect Attendance	Terrific Kids		Top Five
3	49	75	53	William Cabe Lila Dees Stella Harrison Marley McCraw Miguel Mendoza Ximena Mondragon Cayden Owings Max Perez Tucker Price	Jadarius Prysock Harrison Rhodes Lesly Rivas Khalil Robinson Taylor Schmidt Danicka Simmons Lucas Thompson Zenalex Tranquilino Nemma Westmoreland	Ethan Ballard Bryce Collins Jolin Pettay Kyleigh Jones Khalil Robinson Stella Harrison
4	53	73	44	Georgia Amick Kayden Barnaby Katie Choquette Corey Fortner Joshua Gregory Jamaya Higgins Jordan Hood Emma Howard	Ethan Hurd Di'Asia Jeter Nathan Kelly Haley McClure Conner Pulley Daveyon Rice Jensyn Turner Ismeralda Zaraut-Alfaro Gauge Zorn	Allie Burden John Miles Bowling Georgia Amick Matthew Weathers Payton Burke Taylor Martin
5	36	77	63	Noah Arthur Tavo Bastos Leah Brown Olivia Case Daniela Contreras Emily Cruz Christian Delfin-Arroyo MaKenzie Densmore	Ulises Garcia Nayrilee Gomez Callie Hutchings Taylor Lambert Keller Litwin Tre Rodgers Aurelio Sandoval Carter Schlafly	Leah Brown Ivy Kate Rhodes Carrigan Caldwell Bennett Brockman Melody Earley Eithan Richards

Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Denise Brown gave the following report:

- Current enrollment figures:
 - 6th – 205
 - 7th – 210
 - 8th – 205

2. Interim Reports for the 4th Nine Weeks will be sent home April 18.
3. Parent Night for families of 6th graders next year was held March 15. Mr. Lawson greeted more than 100 parents and highlighted the registration process and a typical school day for a 6th grader. Registration cards for the current 5th graders were turned in March 28. Registration materials for rising 7th and 8th graders were submitted March 23.
4. Stone Soup Story Tellers will visit WMS on April 20 and visit classes in the morning.
5. Congratulations to art students Zoe Brown, Charity Johnston, and Bethany Stankus for having works on display at the Animal Clinic of Woodruff.
6. The 7th grade class toured Spartanburg Community College as part of Pi Day celebrations. Math standards including pi are included in the 7th grade curriculum. Spartanburg Community College partnered with USC-Upstate to provide professors and education majors to present STEM activities and demonstrations along a 3.14 mile walking course.
7. The Foothills Conference has accepted a new member school, Rainbow Lake Middle. Lockhart has closed. Division I: Rainbow Lake, Mabry, Woodruff, Chesnee, Cowpens, and Ewing. Division II includes Blacksburg, High Point (no football), EP Todd, Campobello, Landrum, Pacolet, and Jonesville. Additionally, the District 3 schools Pacolet and Cowpens have combined athletes for football and will have a Broome 7th team that competes in Division II and a Broome 8th team that competes in Division I.
8. Approximately 241 students have participated in athletic teams this school year- 87 in the Fall, 54 in the Winter, and 100 in Spring.
9. Two 7th graders have been named to the first Edward Jones Athlete of the Week honors of the Spring season, Kylie Hitchcock for girls softball and Gage Howard, golf.

Calendar of Events:

April 2-6	Spring Break
April 11	Spring pictures taken at school
April 14	Carowinds Choral Festival
April 18	4 th Nine Weeks Interims ENGAGE Meeting until 4:30pm
April 19	LOGO Club meeting until 4:30pm
April 24	7 th gr Field Trip to Clemson University
April 28	Citizen Scholars meets 10-2 pm at WMS
May 1	Choral Rotary Program, 7 pm, Activity Gym
May 2	EOC Writing testing
May 3	Band Rotary, 7 pm, Activity Center Gym
May 4	8 th gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 7	7 th gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 8	6 th gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 9	8 th gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready
May 10	EOC Algebra I 7 th gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready
May 11	EOC English I 6 th gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready
May 14	6 th gr MATH SC Ready
May 15	7 th gr MATH SC Ready
May 16	8 th gr MATH SC Ready
May 17	6 th gr SCI SC PASS
May 18	7 th gr SOC ST SC PASS
May 21	8 th gr SCI SC PASS

May 28	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	Encore Exams
May 30	6 th Awards Day 7, 8, Exams
May 31	7 th Awards Day 6, 8 Exams
June 1	8 th Awards Day 6, 7, Exams
June 4	Last day of school

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. On March 7, third year high school students participated in state wide SAT testing. By state regulation, students could choose to participate in the ACT, SAT or neither. The ACT was administered on February 27, 2018.
2. Many Woodruff High School students displayed works at the Spartanburg County Art Exhibit at the Chapman Cultural Center. The Youth Art Month reception was on March 19, 2018 at the Chapman Cultural Center.
3. Woodruff High School held Beta Club induction on March 19, 2018. Ninety students were inducted and the event was well attended. There was a reception to honor the new Beta Club members following the induction ceremony.
4. Josten met with members of the Sophomore Class on March 20 to discuss class ring orders.
5. Report Cards were issued on March 21, 2018.
6. The Woodruff Fishing Team led by Scout Smith, Noah Simmons, Cole Taylor and Clay Taylor won the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Youth State Championship for all classifications.
7. Woodruff High School had twenty students involved with Future Teachers of America job shadow teachers at WPS, WES and WMS.
8. WHS had 9 winners in the 2th annual Upstate Art Award winners.

Instructional Reports

Ms. Neal provided the following information:

1. Fresh Start and HELP are fully functioning at the D4 Learning Center. Current enrollment in Fresh Start is 18. Current HELP enrollment is 16. Plans to administer spring tests to the various grade levels have been completed and updated as enrollment changes.
2. District administration continues to observe all programs in all schools on a rotational basis. In addition, formal teacher evaluations for second semester have been completed.
3. A summer technology plan has been developed and includes upgrades to Windows 10 on all computers.
4. Dates of summer school programs have been set to include a mandated summer reading camp for students in K-grade 3.
5. Plans for Great Start have been made with community members. This activity has been most helpful to our students in the past and has been set for Saturday, July 28th from 8-10AM in the Activity Center.
6. New textbook adoptions for 18-19 have been selected, and preorders have been submitted to the SDE.
7. The after school program at schools has been most helpful in preparing students for spring testing.

8. Referrals continue to be made to Truancy Court.
9. Schools have been conducting the State Report Card surveys to students, parents, and teachers in the past month. Students and teachers completed the surveys online, but parents completed a paper and pencil survey.
10. All teachers whose certificates expire on June 30th have been notified by their principals of their balance of certificate renewal points.
11. District administrators have attended multiple state meetings regarding requirement changes in state accountability which continue to be modified...

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. Read to Succeed Summer Reading Camps will be offered for second graders at Woodruff Primary School and third graders at Woodruff Elementary School. These camps serve to reduce the number of children who are below grade level in reading. Literacy data will be collected and submitted to the SCDE at the conclusion of the camps. In addition, a SCDE Literacy Specialist will conduct a monitoring visit to ensure compliance with guidelines and regulations.
2. The Spartanburg Academic Movement (SAM) has awarded Spartanburg District Four \$4,480 for the Summer Climb Project to be held at Woodruff Primary School. This will allow 16 rising second graders to participate in a literacy program designed to prevent the reading slide that can occur during the summer months.
3. Board Members viewed and ranked selections for the William L. Howell Art Purchase Awards. Presentations will be made at the May Board meeting. We appreciate our Board Members' support of the arts programs.
4. Induction teachers (first year teachers) have completed their monthly induction classes. The teachers have worked hard to learn the new Expanded ADEPT System and SC Teaching Standards. They are expected to do well with their annual contract evaluations next year.
5. Summer trainings are scheduled for teachers interested in mentoring or serving on evaluation teams for new teachers. Expanded ADEPT training for team evaluators will be held on June 11 – 13 in the Woodruff Elementary School Media Center. Mentor training will be held on June 18 & 19.
6. Adult Education is currently serving 70 students in the GED program. The morning session serves 36 students, and the evening session serves 34 students. Thirty-four students have obtained WorkKeys certificates (2 platinum, 5 gold, 20 silver, and 7 bronze). Final testing for WorkKeys will be in April. Fourteen students have passed the examination for the GED. Six additional students are scheduled to take the final test in the four-part series in April. Final testing for the GED is in June.
7. Graduation for GED and High School Diploma students will be held May 14 at 7pm at the Spartanburg County School District 3 Community Auditorium on the Broome High School campus.

Ms. Mary Johnson reported the following:

1. Medicaid Audit Follow Up –
 - a. The Annual Medicaid Audit was held on March 30. We had 2 errors in the 20 files presented.
 - b. One file did not have an Individualized Health Plan (IHP) for a student who has diagnoses of Asthma and Diabetes. The IHP lets teachers, assistants, and bus drivers know about the child's diagnoses and the procedures to follow in case of an emergency.
 - c. On another file the Nurse did not document what happened to children after treatment in their Clinical Service Notes (CSN); for example returned to class.(A copy of the Medicaid Audit Follow-Up Report was provided.)

2. Special Olympics - Area 12 Track and Field Special Olympics will be held at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:30 am. The rain date is Tuesday, April 17. We have 10 students from Woodruff Primary School, who will participate in this event.
3. Spartanburg County Job Fair - Daniel Morgan Technology Center, RD Anderson Applied Technology Center, SC Works Upstate, SC Department of Commerce, Spartanburg Community College, and Swofford Career Center are partnering to host a Job Fair for Spartanburg County Distributors, Contractors, Healthcare Providers and Manufacturers. This event will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 2:00-6:00 at RD Anderson Applied Technology Center. Our Vocational Rehabilitation Representative, Daniel O'Brien, will be present to steer Woodruff High School Special Education students toward the companies that offer jobs in their areas of interest.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects and a handout with information on a new bus.

Superintendent

Dr. Liston reported the following:

1. Mrs. McKinney distributed copies of the Federal audit of the district Title I program showing no findings.
2. Graduation will be June 1 at 8 PM.
3. Student half-days will be now be May 30, 31, and June 1.
4. Dr. William L. Howell Art Purchase Award winners will be announce and recognized at the May board meeting.
5. Gave a brief update on the preliminary budget for 18-19.
6. The State did a traffic count on the upper end of Woodruff. The count last was 16,000. The count for the same time period this year was 20,000. The district has hired a demographer to project growth in the district over the next several years.
7. Discussed the teacher shortage in SC and across the nation.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved the following hires:
 - a. Angela Gilbert as ESOL teacher
 - b. Corey Newsome as WPS Speech Teacher
 - c. Shanita Wallace as WES teacher
 - d. Lori Merck as WES Teacher
 - e. Brock Snyder as WHS Business Education teacher/coach