

Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. MAP results are provided as numerical Rausch Unit (RIT) scores that reflect each student's academic knowledge, skills, and abilities in each tested area. Student scores on the fall administration of the MAP assessment can be used to predict their chances of scoring at a level 2, 3, or 4 on the Georgia Milestones. These scores showed that the expected percentage of students scoring in levels 2, 3, and 4 on the Georgia Milestones was greater in math than reading. Mr. Wilkinson communicated that this is a "big challenge" for the teachers at Anna K. Davie Elementary School, but they are up for the challenge and will use the data to target student needs. In addition to MAP scores, Mr. Wilkinson presented results from the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). The mean SRI scores in grades three through six increased significantly throughout the 2015-2016 school year. The most significant increase was from 270 to 441 in third grade. Since the 2012-2013 school year, the percentage of "Below Basic" scores on the SRI have decreased from 79% to 34%. Mr. Wilkinson stated that reading growth is being shown, and he expects achievement scores to increase significantly this year.

Mr. Wilkinson highlighted the support being provided to teachers by Ms. Kay Scherich, literacy coach, and Ms. Samantha Lindsey, math coach. Both academic coaches work daily with teachers to enhance classroom instruction by modeling specific lessons and ensuring that they have the opportunity to collaboratively plan for lessons each week. Additionally, Ms. Scherich and Ms. Lindsey assist teachers in using assessment data to target specific students who need additional support.

During the first day of pre-planning, teachers and administrators attended a retreat at Berry College that included many different professional development break-out sessions. One of the break-out sessions focused on the differences between a fixed and growth mindset as detailed in Carol Dweck's book, *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*. Mr. Wilkinson stated that it is important for the administration, teachers, staff, and students at Anna K. Davie Elementary School to have a growth mindset and learn how to overcome adversity and persevere. As students learn how to persevere, they will understand the importance of setting goals.

The implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) has changed the climate and culture of Anna K. Davie Elementary School. PBIS encourages good behavior by using clear and concise expectations that are taught by teachers and visually represented on matrices throughout the school. Mr. Wilkinson stated that those students who model good behavior receive wolf bucks that can be redeemed at the Wolf Buck Store or for opportunities to attend school-wide events (i.e., Fitness Festival, Anna K. Davie Elementary School Concert, and Anna K. Davie Elementary School March Madness). In addition to rewarding students with wolf bucks, Mr. Wilkinson has started recognizing teachers who distribute the most wolf bucks each month. Approximately 28,000 wolf bucks have been distributed to students during the first two months of school.

The South Rome Early Learning Center (SRELC) is beginning its second year at Anna K. Davie Elementary School. Dr. Jackie McDowell and her staff have continued to build off of the success from the first year by expanding to two classrooms and aligning the school day and calendar with Rome City Schools. Mr. Wilkinson shared that there are currently 32 students served between two classrooms. The second class that was created this year is incorporating science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) into daily instruction thanks in part to materials that were donated by Georgia Power. Another aspect of the SRELC is the Berry College Urban Teacher

Center which prepares new teachers to work with children in diversely populated urban areas. Two of the three Berry College students who were placed in the Urban Teacher Center during the 2015-2016 school year accepted teaching positions with Rome City Schools after graduation. Mr. Wilkinson hopes that these field experiences will build a pipeline of Berry College students who are interested in teaching at Rome City Schools for many years to come.

Anna K. Davie Elementary School receives a tremendous amount of community support from businesses, organizations, and churches. Mr. Wilkinson recognized and thanked Lovejoy Baptist Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, River City Bank, Junior Service League of Rome, Berry College, Matt Medley (State Farm Insurance), Julie Smith (Cycle Therapy), and other private/anonymous donors. These organizations and individuals have provided students with backpacks, Anna K. Davie Elementary School shirts, bikes, helmets, and red hats for the Red Hat Achievers Program. Additionally, they provide mentors and sponsor camps for Anna K. Davie Elementary School students.

In closing, Mr. Wilkinson stated that the students, staff, teachers, and administrators are "Getting Better Every Day" at Anna K. Davie Elementary School. He thanked the Board for implementing the one-to-one technology initiative that will help students become more proficient digital learners. Mr. Wilkinson shared that this year he has placed an emphasis on reducing student transitions, improving parent involvement, and expanding student learning opportunities on college campuses. So far this year, Mr. Wilkinson has seen an increase in the number of parents serving in the parent-teacher organization (PTO), eating lunch with their children, and participating in academic workshops. All students will also participate in college field trips to Berry College (Kindergarten and second grade), Georgia Highlands College (fourth grade), Georgia Northwestern Technical College (fifth grade), Kennesaw State University (sixth grade), Jacksonville State University (third grade), and Shorter University (first grade). The purpose of these field trips is to emphasize the opportunities that await each child when they graduate from Rome High School.

SPLOST IV

Mr. Byars gave an update on the SPLOST IV revenues. He stated that the September 31, 2016 collections for the tax period of August 2016 were \$444,826 which was \$10,826 above projections for the month (\$434,000).

Other Items

- On Monday, October 10, 2016, the Rome Wolves and Lady Wolves cross country teams won the 26th annual City-County Championships. Their next meet is Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the Georgia Highlands Classic at 9:00 a.m.
- The Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year Banquet will be tonight at Rome Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
- The Lady Wolves varsity volleyball team will be playing in the first round of state playoffs on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at Ola High School in McDonough, Georgia, at 6:00 p.m.
- Anna K. Davie Elementary School will host the Principals' Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2016.
- On Friday, October 14, 2016, the Board Luncheon will be held at Anna K. Davie Elementary School at 12:00 noon.

- The Rome Wolves football team will play the Cass Colonels on Friday, October 14, 2016, in Cartersville at 7:30 p.m.
- Peach State Marching Festival will be Saturday, October 22, 2016, at Barron Stadium.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.