

WGC Meeting Agenda

October 4, 2016

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper Tina Link
 - Start 345 Stop 430
- Introductions
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Approved by Liz Manguno and 2nd by Tamara Hollingsworth

Reports:

- Administration (3 voting members)
 - Principal – *Judy McNeill*
 - Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
 - Non-certified Staff Delegate-*Melissa Schrenk*
 - SAT scores released
 - Congrats to teachers and students!
 - Down a few points, but expected because of jump last year.
 - National Merit Semifinalists
 - Walton had 39!!
 - #3 in state
 - Concerts coming up
 - Sports
 - VB state playoffs next week
- Department Representatives (9 voting members)
 - Career Tech (Whit Hubbard)
 - Robotics team is competing in a tournament
 - 10/22 in Gainesville.
 - Free, open to the public.
 - Come see your state champions perform!
 - Walton's Advanced Graphic Arts class was awarded a JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARD for our "Walton 2016 Art Calendar." We are proud of this very prestigious award. In addition, the results for the 2015-16 school year's national Gutenberg Awards are as follows: Walton took 1st place in 7 different categories, 4 2nd place awards in 4 categories, and 3 third place awards in 3 different categories. Most exciting is the FIRST PLACE and BEST of SHOW for "The Nature and Respect of Life" 80 page + cover book which was a collaboration between English, Art and Graphic Arts departments.
 - English/ESOL (Greg Fleenor)
 - Another collaboration poetry book coming this year.
 - Math (Jennifer West)
 - Math Team's 2nd annual September Camp for Elementary kids was a success, with over 50 kids participating.
 - Now taking registrations for the 1st annual Fall Elementary Math Fest (a chance for elementary students to experience competitive math). October 29th (\$20 to register).
 - This fundraiser will help offset the cost of the Math Team's Spring competition at Columbia University in NYC.

- Media/Guidance (Liz Manguno)
 - Guidance –
 - Congratulations to Walton’s 39 National Merit Semifinalists. Counselors are working on the paperwork for the finalist competition.
 - Counselors are busily working on the logistics for the PSAT (October 19) and Junior Advisement (beginning October 24 and lasting three weeks).
 - Freshmen failing multiple classes will soon be receiving an invitation to participate in the weekly study skills class that is offered during 0 period.
 - Guidance will also be coordinating a study skill class for 10th and 11th graders who are struggling.
 - Additionally, counselors are working with seniors on the college application process and are focused on meeting the Oct. 15th deadline for college applications that many students have.
 - Media Center –
 - The Media Center thanks PTSA for providing a grant that will be used to support the Book Club and to add popular young adult titles to the collection.
 - The first meeting of the Book Club this year saw the largest participation ever with almost twenty students attending. The next meeting is October 26, and the book is *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children*. All are welcome to attend.
 - Fall promotions include activities and displays for Banned Book Week (October 3-7), Teen Read Week (October 24-28), and the annual Scholastic Book Fair (November 11-18). Activities include contests, a photo booth, table-top games and puzzles, coloring projects, school-wide *Pokémon Go* search, and more. . . .
 - The media center has added just over 100 items to the collection so far this year in response to teacher and student requests.

- PE/Fine Arts (Maggie Taylor)
 - Chorus
 - 185 students sang the National Anthem at the Braves game on September 12th and was specially recognized by President of the Braves, John Schuerholz
 - Fall concert on Tuesday, October 18th at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church (JFBC) – all are invited to attend! ☺ 730pm
 - Visual Art
 - National Art Honors Society (NAHS) has its pumpkin fundraiser in the media center on display
 - Orchestra and Visual Art
 - NAHS’ gallery, “Faces of Walton,” will be on Wednesday night from 5:00-6:00 PM in the lobby and will go along with the orchestra concert that evening

- Science (Pat Harvey)
 - No report

- Social Studies (Christine Gordon)
 - In our Social Studies department meeting, we discussed building updates again and how rooms were to be assigned.

- Special Education (Shannon Rastogi)
 - No report

- World Languages/Gifted (Rachel Baker)
 - No report

- Committee Facilitators Reports (non-voting members)

- Curriculum and Instruction (Tamara Hollingsworth)
 - Before our meeting, Dr. Mallanda sent charter documents for the committee to review. She asked that the committee review what has already been written for clarity, omissions, and errors.
 - As a committee we reviewed section 1 and 2 of the Executive Summary.
 - Since Dr. Mallanda had to leave before the meeting ended, I will meet with her to review and discuss our edits.
- Attendance and Discipline (Christy Lewis & Beth Plotkin)
 - In our committee meeting this morning we discussed two suggestions brought to the committee from department meetings. The first is an APP called Teacher Kit. This app allows you to take class attendance. It works really efficiently and is user friendly. If the school got an account, then every teacher can upload their class attendance to one account that PPO could see. The second was a proposal to have the student ID scanners in the new building for any student that is tardy. The students would swipe their card when they walk in and the machine prints them a tardy slip to take to their teacher.
- Facilities (Elena Cox and Sheila Sell)
 - All the department heads will start deciding on rooms.
 - Talked about fire drills with new building. Once we are in the stairwell we are “safe” but we still have to evacuate all the way outside.
 - 5ft sidewalks
 - Contents of the classroom – 2 locking cabinets, 2 shelves, 1 locking file cabinet, lectern and desk
 - We were told about bringing usable furniture to the new building and what new items of furniture would be provided.
 - Locker discussion. Most were concerned about where students would keep coats and lunches along with those that have several books.
 - New-
 - Issue in the AM with the parking lots. Several teachers have complained that they have had close calls with getting hit.
 - Ideas: send out an e-blast about safety and slowing down and stopping at the crosswalk and watching for teachers crossing from the C lot.
 - Maybe going back to putting safety cones at the entrance off the student entrance so parents do not cut down by the handicap area. Maybe put the cones out every AM at 7:50. That way the teachers can drive that way in the AM if you are late you will have to drive up with the parents.
 - Suggest we send eblast asking people to slow down.
- Goals and Assessment (Jennifer West)
 - Current year reporting form has arrived, so committee is working to gather data necessary.
 - Looking for all examples of “best practices” across the departments at Walton – we would like all departments to send at least 2-3 examples, so that we ensure we are covering the great things that are happening at Walton! Please take back to your departments and e-mail examples to Jennifer.West@cobbk12.org.
- Professional Learning (Callie Bryan and Dan Campagna)
 - Committee members received a current list of professional learning opportunities. Members will email Callie additional opportunities throughout the semester.
 - Suzanne Schott let the committee know that professional learning funding is available. Committee members were asked to share this with their departments.
 - We had very productive discussion about department focused professional learning.
 - A parent member of the PTSA/Foundation was present. She mentioned that mindfulness courses will be offered in the near future.
 - Committee members will survey their departments for “experts” in different areas of professional learning (specific apps, great lessons, etc.). We will compile a list for the faculty to use as a resource.

- Staff Enhancement (Roberta Manheim/Jasenda League)
 - Sweet treating coming for Halloween

- Student Climate (Olympia Diaz)
 - Bulletin Board / Student Recognition
 - We have posted names of students who “made a great first impression”.
 - Coach Spotz even added a “certificate” delivered to his students during homeroom.
 - Bars and Letters
 - Students received their awards, but it would be nice to post to recognize them and encourage others.
 - Rainbow picture
 - “AMAZING things happen at Walton”
 - We posted the picture of the AMAZING moment when Christina Diaz arrived at Walton.
 - District Honor Symphony
 - National Merit Semifinalists
 - New ideas presented – we need help if we want them to work
 - WEB game cart
 - Many students hang out in the commons during WEB and it would be great to have a cart of board games, cards, movies, etc for students to check out
 - A good way to release stress
 - May get students out of the hallways
 - Lanyard Pins
 - Similar to Disney’s pin collection idea
 - Students earn them for doing good things, then trade or take
 - Adopt a hallway
 - This year or in the new building
 - Homerooms adopt a hallway to keep clean, keep posters current and hung nicely, communicate with custodians if problems exist.
 - Morning announcement to have a “give-away” or a “chance to win”
 - In hopes to promote students watching the announcements.
 - Possible idea – student name is called at random, must respond to homeroom teacher immediately in order to receive prize or ticket to enter a raffle.

- Technology (*David Dewar*)
 - Printers for new building:
 - Bring your classroom printer. They will not be replaced.
 - Teachers will print to a central printer, but need to enter a code.
 - Network Issues:
 - The County and the Foundation are working hard on solving the Cosigno issues – identifying when/where students are dropped. There are software issues that are being addressed.
 - BYOD/iPad initiative:
 - Challenges with students not bringing their devices, and limited lessons requiring an iPad. It’s a vicious cycle – teachers are not directing lessons centered on technology b/c students aren’t bringing their devices, and that is b/c of so few lessons that require it.
 - For most lessons that require technology, students may use their cell phone.
 - Can we try a new approach?
 - Classroom sets of iPads for every room.
 - Students pay an annual fee for the iPad.
 - Benefits: All students have an iPad; no concerns about lost/stolen iPads; each class set has a charging station; every student has a personal account on the cloud; **teachers can view/control student iPads – insure students are engaged in the lesson.
 - FOCUS in the new building:
 - Committee members would like to know if it is possible to use a dual system. Use FOCUS for scheduling purposes, but use the county system for attendance and grades.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students (2 voting members) -Seniors: Abhi Nathan & Sabrina Kaplan Juniors: Alternating Reps |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PTSA (3 voting members) – Paty Holdmeyer, Irene Barton |
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September Events:

9/12 - Teachers Yoga started

9/13 - Academic Bars & Letters and ice cream were distributed to students who made a 4.0, 2 consecutive semesters.

9/14 - WEB Raiders Choice: Dr. Lynn Mahovsky from Regents Center for Learning Disorders gave a very informative presentation to 504 and IEP parents about setting up 504s in college.

9/14 - PTSA and Foundation Parents attended the ESSA hearing in Fulton County

9/17 - PTSA provided candy and cars for Principal McNeill and for Kathleen Petka, Teacher of the Year to ride in during the East Cobber Parade

9/20-21:Volunteers will execute Hearing and Vision testing for Sophomores

Up coming events:

10/4 and 6th: Fuel for Performance will be taught in personal fitness classes.

10/6 - Reflections: The deadline for Reflections submissions is Oct. 6th.

10/6 - GA PTA Advocacy day at the capital, several members of the PTSA executive board will attend to show our opposition to OSD

10/8 - Clean Sweep will take place. This is a great way for students to get volunteer hours.

10/12 - WEB Raiders Choice: Career Fair will include a short presentation about interviewing skills and opportunities to complete practice interviews with Career Coaches.

10/18 - Self Defense Classes

10/19 - Senior Breakfast

10/19 - WEB Raiders Choice: Senior Girls Self Defense class and Pumpkin decorating

10/19 - PSAT staff breakfast

10/20 - Raiders Pride Awards

Week of 10/24 - Red Ribbon Week

On going:

- We are matching up over 200 students to career coaches.

- Walton Community Outreach: New “Track it Forward” software, which was funded by PTSA, that will improve tracking of students’ volunteer hours.

- We are working with Catherine Mallanda to convert to a new platform for the Walton website and to move to a new software for our eblast.

Open PTSA Positions

- PTSA is still looking for someone to chair the Bus Driver, Officer, and Brumby Appreciation Committee.

- PTSA WGC committee representation - We are still looking for parent committee representation for Curriculum & Instruction, Discipline & Attendance, Facilities, Goals & Assessment, Professional Development and Student Climate. Ellen Melcher will attend Staff Enhancement and Neysa Lee will attend Technology.

- Facilities Foundation (2 voting members) – Sallie Winokur, Heena Patel

- Business/Community [Partners in Education, CCSD Board member, Community Representative] (3 voting members)
 - Scott Sweeney
 - Board will be discussing Splost V
 - Oct 27 meeting
 - Give any feedback to Mr. Sweeney before the meeting

- Old Business

- New Business

- Motion to Adjourn

- By Liz Manguo

WGC (Council) Meetings:

(Held at 3:30 in the B-Hall Conference Room)

August 9 (kick-off meeting)
September 6
October 4
November 1
December 6
January 10
February 7
March 7
April 11 (due to Spring Break)
May 2

WGC Committee Meetings:

(Times and locations vary by committee)

August 16
September 13
October 11
November 15 (due to Election Day on 11/8)
December 13
January 17
February 14
March 14
April 18