

WGC Meeting Agenda

November 10, 2015

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper Liz Manguno
 - Start 3:43 Stop 4:25
- Introductions
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- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Approved by Hillary Hill and 2nd by Sallie Winokur
 - All members should be reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting in order for us to approve.

Reports:

- Administration (1 voting member)
 - Principal – *Judy McNeill*
 - Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
 - Non-certified Staff Delegate-Melissa Schrenk
 - Busy Time here at Walton
 - Academics
 - Aggressive right now, between Fall break and Thanksgiving
 - Only 2 weeks after Thanksgiving and it will be Finals
 - Fine Arts
 - Chorus is going to Italy
 - Band placed 8th in Regional Bands Competition
 - Orchestra earned recognition in National All Orchestra
 - Sports
 - Football
 - This Friday is the first round of playoffs against Gwinnett
 - 2nd round will be far away and may cause some needed, but exciting changes.
 - We will need buses for fans as well as players and band
 - Kids will have to leave early
 - 4 ½ hour drive
 - November 20
 - It has been a long time since we've made it to 2nd round
 - GO RAIDERS!
 - Volleyball
 - State Champs!!!
 - Cross Country
 - Girls placed 12th, boys 8th in recent competition

- Department Representatives (9 voting members)
 - Career Tech (Whit Hubbard)
 - Need Banners, Tshirts, printing?
 - Dan Campagna said wide format printer is working
 - They took 4th place in competition using the new printer.
 - English/ESOL (Jenny Lyon)
 - No report

- Math (Jennifer West)
 - Very excited to have 3 students move on to county level interviews in GHP
 - Math Team placed 4th & 5th at the UGA Mathematics Tournament
 - County tournaments start next week – Walton looking to defend our title!
 - Math team gearing up for Harvard/MIT tournament (11 students going) – 11/13 will miss school
 - Beth Plotkin had her baby on October 23rd (6lbs 13oz - mom and baby doing great)

- Media/Guidance (Liz Manguno)
 - Guidance
 - Yesterday was the last day of Junior Advisement. We are working now on the makeups.
 - We are working with seniors via homeroom the next few days in completing their BRIDGE Bill requirement survey.
 - We had a great Financial Aid Night last week. It was well attended and the speaker was great.
 - We have helped with the first of several Articulation presentations for our incoming 9th grade families.
 - We are looking to reschedule our Sophomore Parent Night because College Board is expecting delays in the PSAT results.
 - We are wrapping up the 9th grade Study Skills group for interested students failing multiple courses, but have a couple weeks left for the upperclassmen Study Skills group that Ms. Rangel and the School Social Worker, Ms. Schwartz are hosting.
 - We will be having our end of the semester Advisory Board meeting on December 9th.
 - Media Center
 - Liz and Susan attended the Georgia Educational Technology Conference last week. They brought back a wealth of ideas to incorporate in the media program and share with teachers.
 - The Scholastic Book Fair opens this Thursday and runs through Friday, November 20. The fair features books for readers of all ages, pre-school to adult. Parents, students and staff are invited to shop the fair in the media center and online. All staff members will receive a discount on their purchases.

- PE/Fine Arts (Maggie Taylor)
 - Chorus
 - Walton Chorus heads to Tuscany and Rome, November 19-26, 2015! We will perform and tour in Florence, Assisi, Siena, San Gimignano, Montecatini Terme, Pisa and conclude the tour in Rome with a performance in St. Peter's, Vatican City Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 5pm.
 - Orchestra
 - Walton Orchestra named 2015 National Champion for the Foundation for Music Education's Mark of Excellence Competition.
 - 39 students passed the district level of All State competition.
 - Holiday Concerts
 - Held at Walton and Mt. Bethel

- Science (Jennice Ozment)
 - No report

- Social Studies (Erin Guthrie)
 - No report

- Special Education (Shannon Rastogi)
 - No report

- World Languages/Gifted (Olympia Diaz)
 - Michelle Payne had baby girl
 - GHP Interviews – great representation
 - Tomorrow is the induction to Spanish National Honor Society
 - Thursday the Hispanic Heritage Festival

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Facilitators Reports (non-voting members)

- Curriculum and Instruction (Kara Pavkovich)
 - Committee discussed the goals of the charter relating to SAT and ACT scores.
 - Teachers reported students' concerns about the lack of emphasis on ACT prep (in comparison to SAT required assignments)
 - Possible suggestion – incorporating and ACT assignment in the spring, ACT training for teachers (professional development)
 - It may be that the new SAT is more like the ACT
 - Will bring it up in committee again.

- Attendance and Discipline (Pat Harvey)

- Facilities (Elena Cox and Jennice Ozment)
 - The teacher furniture for the new facility was described by Amy Merlin and Christy Lewis.
 - Small open cubicles, with 4 filing drawers and a closet in a large open workroom. Microwaves only in teacher lounge, none in workrooms. No refrigerators in rooms, only workrooms. Large ones for the department. No personal items in classrooms, as eventually the space will be shared. One teacher desk in the classroom, no bookshelves or filing cabinets.
 - Concern over things not being fixed/replaced.
 - We have been getting the same answer for years – that we are not fixing/replacing because we are moving into the new building. We are concerned that we aren't able to provide the quality of instruction that we are used to and that the building is becoming unsafe.
 - Projectors, copiers, carpets, gym bleachers

- Goals and Assessment (*Joe League*)
 - The committee came together two weeks ago after dividing up the sections of the charter annual report for each individual to work on.
 - We put it all together and submitted it to the state DOE on Tuesday, 10/27.
 - After some dialogue with our state contacts for charter schools, we resubmitted the annual report according to their updated guidelines.
 - We received a notice that our report was completed on the evening of 10/30.
 - We have yet to hear back whether the report has been accepted – we were given a two-week window for this response.

- Professional Learning (Callie Bryan and Dan Campagna)
 - iPad Training/technology training
 - working with Technology Committee to create professional development that is department specific
 - supported by survey results
 - we shared app recommendations
 - Laura Speer offered to share what she does with her iPad in our Nov meeting
 - Survey Results
 - 78 responses
 - Faculty wants department-specific training
 - We will go more in depth next meeting
 - PLU Handout
 - Suzanne Schott shared PLU Requirements for certification with the committee.
 - Members are to post in their respective workrooms to share with others
 - PLUs are being phased out. It is anticipated that by 2018 a new professional development requirement will be in place.

- Staff Enhancement (*Lori Lavoy and Lori Foltz*)
 - Thanks to all who participated in the Boo's
- Student Climate (*Jamie Bell*)
 - Working on a project with "shoulder buddies"
 - Still in the planning stages
 - Working on ideas to implement
 - Hoping for it to be an on-going project
 - Maybe we can ask for help in cleaning up the bulletin board area
- Technology (*David Dewar/Ken Keller*)
 - PTSA is concerned with roll out
 - We need a database of all issues
 - WGC also concerned
 - Routers are now inside classrooms
 - Hopefully, capacity to make connections is better
 - Google Doc is now set up for anyone who has issues for them to identify
 - Form can be used for app suggestions
 - Some departments already identifying issues and creating lists of apps
 - We need link on t-drive so folks can access if they can't via email website
 - Walton Network Solutions (Weebly)
 - Revamping of media center website
 - There is a link titled, "Media Center for Teachers"
 - We can use this in lieu of the Walton Network Solutions?
 - Have a person in each department spearhead the initiative of identifying apps for content area
 - Some departments already doing this
 - Fear is that we will have initiated this process and it will fall by the wayside
 - When one logs in to Apple TV, one never knows what might show up, i.e. , the trailer for the Magic Mike film.
 - We will stagger HR's to request the teacher ask students to install SSL in hopes to correct some issues

• Students (2 voting members) -Seniors: Arden Jenson & Madison Link Juniors: Abhi Nathan & Sabrina Kaplan

- Having trouble accessing safe websites from BYOD
 - Possibly the HR teachers asking ALL students to install SSL will help most issues

• PTSA (3 voting members) – Jodi Buter, Paty Holdmeyer, Irene Barton

- Legislation Forum this evening at 7pm
- Self-Defense on Wednesday, Nov. 11 for senior girls during WEB and community event that evening at Dickerson
- Scholastic Book Fair Thursday, Nov 12 – 20.
 - Teacher Day is the 13th
- Great American Smoke Out – November 19th
 - Videos, etc dangers of e-cigarettes

• Facilities Foundation (2 voting members) – Sallie Winokur

- Thanks to the generous support of our families and community members, the Foundation will be purchasing 20 more iPads which will finish the faculty and provide some iPads for student loan use.
- The PTSA and the Foundation are co-sponsoring an Education Forum on Tuesday, November 10, 7pm to make Walton cluster families aware of possible changes in education funding.
- On Wednesday, November 11th, the Foundation is hosting a BBQ grab-and-go lunch in the Media Center Conference Room.
 - Massages for 20 lucky teachers (will offer again)
- Smoothies being offered during WEB on Nov 11th as a healthy option for students/teachers after school.
- Friday, November 13th we host Mrs. McNeill's 2nd Quarterly Coffee where she will discuss the impact of class sizes on our students' education at Walton.

• Business/Community [Partners in Education, CCSD Board member, Community Representative] (3 voting members)

- Hillary Hill
- Scott Sweeney
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- Legislative priorities have been passed
 - Funding most important
 - AJC says Cobb to get more money
 - Really getting \$6.7million of the \$28million due to us
 - Equates to \$63 per student
 - Where Gwinnett is \$160 per student
 - New formula doesn't look good for Cobb County School District
 - We will learn more in late December
- Tonight's forum will offer actions for educators

• Old Business

• New Business

• Motion to Adjourn

- By _____ Olympia Diaz _____

WGC (Council) Meetings:

(Held at 3:30 in the B-Hall Conference Room)
August 11 (kick-off meeting)
September 1
October 6
November 10 (due to Election Day Nov. 3)
December 1
February 2
March 8
April 12 (due to Spring Break)
May 3

WGC Committee Meetings:

(Times and locations vary by committee)
August 18
September 15 (due to Fall Break)
October 20
November 17
December – no meeting
January 19
February 23
March 22
April 26
May – no meeting