

WGC Meeting Agenda

February 2, 2016

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper _____ Tina Link _____
 - Start _____ 3:45 _____ Stop _____ 4:45 _____
- Introductions
 - Stephanie Santoro on school honor code
 - It was proposed and voted by show of hands that an honor code made by the administration will be implemented in the fall.
 - Derek Kellogg and Elisa Molina from Junior Achievement of Georgia presented different programs and showed interest in wanting to bring JA to Walton in some capacity.
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Approved by ___ Sally Winokur _____ and 2nd by _____ Olympia Diaz _____
 - 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*
 - Ending winter sports and starting spring sports.
 - Academically doing well
 - Winter break approaching
 - We will assess whether it interferes/helps academics when we return
 - Concerts
 - Please come enjoy
 - Orchestra performed in Athens
 - Dr. Mallanda attended and has a recording
 - Amazing!
 - Great work this year!
- Department Representatives (9 voting members)
 - Career Tech (Whit Hubbard)
 - CTAE Club Activities and Accomplishments
 - **Brian Benton:**
 - Robotics Team would like to invite faculty and staff to see the 2016 robotics field and this year's competition robot in the robotics lab. We work Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 630 to 930 and all day Saturday. Please come see us as we prepare for competition!
 - **Dan Campagna:**
 - Great CTAE experience for the Graphic Communications and BVP teachers attending the TIEGA (Technical and Industrial Educators of Georgia) conference this weekend in Columbus. We went to RealTree's corporate headquarters and Immersion Graphics R&D facility where we all saw and did hands-on experience of hydrographic printing.
 - The Walton 2016 Art calendar was a successful partnership with Graphic Arts and the Art program.
 - SkillsUSA Regional Competition on Friday, February 5th.
 - **Whit Hubbard:**
 - Walton's programming club known as WASP will be hosting an in-house coding competition Friday, March 4th. The top 8 students will represent Walton at Lockheed Martin's Code Quest, a coding competition that occurs simultaneously at 10 Lockheed Martin locations across the United States.

- English/ESOL (Jenny Lyon)
 - 2/8-12 – week before break – test/quiz on Monday and Thursday only
 - AP Night will not happen this year.
 - 3/7 and 8 – Student registration so think about when current AP Lit and Lang students can speak with targeted classes prior to registration
 - All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade teachers-
Please reserve the WEB on March 9 for reviewing PSAT questions and information on interpreting score reports. More information closer to the date.
 - AP English Literature students will be writing an original poem with pre-established criteria. Once they are finished, some of the poems, based on like subject matter, will be given to Kathleen Petka’s advanced art students in order to draw/paint in the style of the artist Eric Carle. After the artwork is completed with the poems on the canvases also, we will have an art exhibit that will hopefully be offsite. We are also going to work with graphic arts to create a booklet of art and poetry.

- Math (Jennifer West)
 - Gave AMC today (Tuesday 2/2) to approx. 150 students (thanks to Guidance office for their help in administering the test)
 - Math Team competed last night (Monday 2/1) at the Winter Cobb County tournament. JV trying to move into 1st place, and Varsity trying to hold onto their 1st place ranking. Results should be out by the end of the week. One more tournament in the spring to decide the county champion.
 - JV and Varsity Math Team will be traveling to Georgia Southwestern State University next week (2/11-2/12) to compete. Teams will miss Friday (2/12) so thanks to teachers for assisting students in getting work made up as soon as possible.

- Media/Guidance (Liz Manguno)

Guidance –

The guidance department has a full calendar for the second semester. Counselors have just completed Junior Classroom Guidance to discuss the college search process. Upcoming events include

- February 2 - 10th Grade Parent Night to discuss PSAT results (6:30 p.m.)
- February 22-23 – Classroom guidance with freshmen to complete their BRIDGE activity
- February 29 – Junior Student/Parent Night featuring a College Panel (6:30 p.m.)
- March 1 – Incoming 9th Parent Night for Dodgen/Dickerson/Private School Families (2 sessions – 6:00 p.m. & 7 p.m.)
- March 3 – Korean Parent Night with James Sheppard (6:30 p.m.)
- March 7- 8 – Registration for current Walton students
- March 14 – Freshmen Advisement begins
- April 13 – Private school registration (morning)

Media Center –

- The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl team took first place in the county for the fifth consecutive year on January 16.
- Twenty students competed in the 10th Annual North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad on January 28.
- The media center is purchasing five high top tables and twenty chairs to create another seating area for students.
- The media center staff has begun publishing a bi-monthly newsletter featuring technology tips and trends. The newsletter is emailed to teachers and available on the media center blog.

- PE/Fine Arts (Maggie Taylor)
 - Visual Art, Kathleen Petka
 - Our students won 1st place again in the Wyland’s national “Water is Life” mural contest. Walton has been featured on Wyland’s website, journals and twitter.

- Kaitlyn Holtzclaw won the Rising Star Award and will be honored at the National Art Education Association Convention in Chicago this March. Only one (very rarely two) student is awarded each year. She will be featured in NAHS News newspaper. A VERY BIG DEAL!!!!
- Orchestra, Dr. Perry Holbrook and Sara Grimes
 - Walton Chamber Orchestra performed at the state music teacher conference (GMEA) on Friday, January 29th, and did a fantastic job!
- Chorus Fashion Show was oversold
 - Great success
- Science (Jennice Ozment)
 - We have 5 teachers going to present at GSTA this weekend. We are also hoping that the science rooms in the new building turn out the way we would like.
- Social Studies (Erin Guthrie)
 - Model UN will be attending:
 - University of Georgia on 2/6 (Entire Team)
 - University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill on 3/3 (Varsity Team)
 - Kennesaw University on 3/25 (Entire Team)
- Special Education (Shannon Rastogi)
 - No report

- World Languages/Gifted (Olympia Diaz)
 - All of our foreign language kids have made it to the next level of GHP (not quite State yet). They are: for Spanish - Shilpa Iyer, Alan Kim & Arnovi Moinuddin; for Chinese - Shiobhan De Cleir and for French - Rachel Mills
 - Also, Michelle Payne will be returning next Monday from maternity leave.
 - Heather Davis, daughter of Walton teacher, Cheryl Davis, received a monetary award and recognition for being the most prepared Freshman in Spanish at Brown University.
 - Kudos to our ISA Program!

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

- Curriculum and Instruction (Kara Pavkovich)
 - discussed homework policies and academic honesty
- Attendance and Discipline (Pat Harvey)
 - No report
 - Pat offered to send a survey to student to see what they believe to be dishonest in order to help with the making of the honor code.
- Facilities (Elena Cox and Jennice Ozment)
 - Still concerned about the cleanliness and safety of the school.
 - The general feeling of the committee is that the building is not kept clean anymore.
 - One member took pictures
 - Being down 2 custodians has taken a toll.
 - Any chance PTSA or Foundation can help pay another custodian?
- Goals and Assessment (*Joe League*)
 - Joe says he wants Walton to have more GHP candidates
- Professional Learning (Callie Bryan and Dan Campagna)
 - Nothing too new to report today – big overall school focus right now is on technology.
 - Callie and Dan will be talking with David Dewar and technology dept. to see if there is a way we can support technology through professional development.
 - Different departments are having individuals present on technology ideas/topics or ways to integrate the iPad into the classroom – encouragement for all departments to integrate this.
- Staff Enhancement (*Lori Lavoy and Lori Foltz*)
 - talked about Faculty Luncheon in January (what worked, what didn't, what needed to be adjusted, etc.)
 - planned for upcoming Valentine's treats for faculty
 - started working on a plan for sorting teacher appreciation letters in the spring
- Student Climate (Jamie Bell)
 - We have received wonderful feedback regarding the accomplishments of our students to be recognized.
 - Chocolate Kisses have been bagged and are ready for delivery to homerooms.
- Technology (*David Dewar/Ken Keller*)
 - Apple T.V. still dropping
 - Low turnout on iPads
 - Create lessons that are greatly enhanced by the use of an iPad, yet accommodating for students without one.

- Hopefully will encourage more students to make the switch.
- More available class sets?
 - Make available for particular population segments (Freshman Math?)
- One-Note: we suggest having a table/station at registration to help parents set-up one-note.
- Suggested Apps:
 - Kahoot; Socrative; Free Graphing Calculator; iDoceo – gradebook; uPad 3; Docscan; iPrint

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students (2 voting members) -Seniors: Arden Jenson & Madison Link Juniors: Abhi Nathan & Sabrina Kaplan

- Homeroom Reps
 - Trying to come up with incentive for reps to make the announcements that we send
 - Some reps are, some are not

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PTSA (3 voting members) – Jodi Buter, Paty Holdmeyer, Irene Barton
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- We just finished Teacher Appreciation week.
 - Big thank you to Susan Fanning who was at the school every day with lots of treats for the teachers.
- The ECCC PTA is holding its annual Teacher of the Year Luncheon on February 4th.
 - We will be honoring Robin Waibel as the Walton TOTY
- We are looking for parents to speak at the March Raider's Choice (during WEB) for a career day style program
- Career Coaching website being launched
 - Asking for volunteers to introduce their career to students
 - Exchanging emails
 - Conducting informational interviews
 - Offer shadowing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilities Foundation (2 voting members) – Sallie Winokur

- We will be holding our 1st Dinner & Auction on Saturday, March 5 at the Holy Family Catholic Church. Tickets are \$45 and will get you dinner from BBQ1 and two drink tickets (our Raider Rita will be the signature drink of the night). We have not had a great response from the Walton Community as far as tickets sales go, so teachers...please encourage the parents to attend. Heena Patel, D&A Chair will be available to answer questions/concerns at the meeting.
- The Dinner & Auction will kick-off our Class Size Reduction Campaign, which begins on March 1st. We are currently planning to hold a participation contest throughout the month of March and will have weekly prizes for the homeroom with the greatest participation. The contest will be very similar to the "Mad For The iPad" Contest we held in August. Teachers participating in the contest (making sure students take home the campaign information and returning the requested forms) will significantly help the campaign to be more successful. We have found that parents will respond when they feel an initiative or program has the support of their student's teachers.
 - We also may ask for teachers to post information at the beginning of the campaign on Edmodo, etc. to help us spread the word about the campaign. We will continue to exhaust all modes of communication available to us, but this additional exposure may help us to reach more parents than we currently do with the weekly e-blasts, etc.
- We will be passing out free hand sanitizers to the students again on 2/10 as part of our Health & Wellness campaign. We hope the "Disinfect the Desk" program has been going well; we encourage teachers to provide feedback and to let us know as soon as they need additional wipes as we have enough for everyone to use as much as they want through the cold & flu season.
- App Showcase for Parents coming soon
 - Coordinating with Departments to find teachers willing to demonstrate the apps being used in the classrooms

- Business/Community [Partners in Education, CCSD Board member, Community Representative] (3 voting members)
 - Hillary Hill
 - Scott Sweeney
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- Old Business

- New Business

- Motion to Adjourn
 - By _____ Olympia Diaz and Suzanne Schott _____

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