

WGC Meeting Agenda

January 17, 2017

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper _____ Tina Link _____
 - Start _____ 3:44 _____ Stop _____ 4:02 _____
- Introductions
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Approved by _____ Maggie Taylor _____ and 2nd by _____ Tamara Holingsworth _____

Reports:

- Administration (3 voting members)
 - Principal – *Judy McNeill*
 - Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
 - Non-certified Staff Delegate-*Melissa Schrenk*
 - End of 1st semester went well
 - Beginning of 2nd semester
 - Snow days – glad they canceled for the safety of all
 - Teachers happy to have 2 planning days
 - Schedule required very few changes
 - Winter sports are closing and spring sports are having tryouts
 - Swimming and Wrestling at state playoff levels
- Department Representatives (9 voting members)
 - Career Tech (Whit Hubbard)
 - No report
 - English/ESOL (Greg Fleenor)
 - No report
 - Math (Jennifer West)
 - Angie MacDonald back from maternity leave
 - Math Team trips coming up:
 - GSW (students will miss ½ Thursday and all Friday before Feb. break)
 - Columbia University (students will miss Friday before Spring Break)
 - Math Team fundraisers coming up:
 - Elementary MathFest – March 18th – will have flyer available for distribution to neighborhoods, churches, youth groups, etc.
 - MathFest – also March 18th
 - AMC to be given at Walton – Wednesday, February 15th during 1st/2nd periods (full roster will be sent out to faculty)
 - Media/Guidance (Liz Manguno) Guidance
 - Guidance counselors are currently double-checking all senior transcripts to make sure they have met all graduation requirements. Two counselors check each student's transcript.
 - Upcoming activities include
 - Completing the BRIDGE activity with 10th graders (January 26 & 27).
 - Sophomore Parent Night (January 30 at 6:30 p.m.). Counselors will discuss how PSAT scores can be used to improve achievement and review graduation requirements.
 - Junior Student/Parent Night (February 13, 6:30 p.m.) This event features a College Panel that will offer information on the college application process.
 - Planning for the 9th Grade BRIDGE activity, 11th Grade college research presentation and freshman advisement.
 - Media Center

- Parents are invited to stop by the media center this Thursday during open house. Representatives from Gilbane Construction Company will be available to answer questions about the new school construction and we will have computers set up so parents can complete the Climate Survey.
- The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl team took first place in the county competition last Saturday. They now advance to the regional competition at West Georgia on February 4th.
- The NACLO Open Round competition will be held Thursday, January 26. This activity is sponsored by the media center.
- The January Library Link focuses on reading. It includes a link to an essay on the benefits of reading, a link to a website that helps readers choose a great book, and recommended new titles in the media center collection. The Library Link can be accessed via the media center blog.
- The Media Center Book Club outreach chairperson Ral Vandenhoudt was a student reader at the ceremony honoring Martin Luther King at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Monday. Ral participated in a choral reading of King's speech "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence."

- PE/Fine Arts (Maggie Taylor)
 - Band, Chorus and Orchestra are busy preparing for Georgia Music Educators Association's (GMEA) annual Large Group Performance Evaluations.
 - Visual Art
 - Kathleen Petka's visual art class won 1st place in the nationwide Wyland Mural Contest, which had participation from over 4,000 students across the U.S. The contest encouraged students to explore the issues and wonders of conservation by painting classroom murals, individual works of art, and through photography. The Wyland Foundation hopes that the process of interpreting water-based habitats through art will lead students to a greater understanding of their role as future caretakers of our water resources. Winners of the 2016 Wyland National Art Challenge will be awarded cash prizes for art supplies and scholarships for continued education. This is Walton's third time winning this nationwide art contest celebrating conservation!

- Science (Pat Harvey)
 - No report

- Social Studies (Christine Gordon)
 - No report

- Special Education (Shannon Rastogi)
 - No report

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

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Curriculum and Instruction (Tamara Hollingsworth) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on elements of the charter. · Attendance and Discipline (Christy Lewis & Beth Plotkin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report · Facilities (Elena Cox and Sheila Sell) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report · Goals and Assessment (Jennifer West) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Done and approved. · Professional Learning (Callie Bryan and Dan Campagna) |
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- Discussed the following items:
- County trainer Tracey Borup's training session on Skyping software was helpful for those who participated.
- The Apple training on E-pubs demonstrated how to turn Keynote and other documents into an e-pub. These are engaging for students because they are interactive with the ability to insert graphics, videos, links and other media. One of the teachers is planning on giving her students an opportunity to do a project with this technology. Example: presenting an essay, a mock crash course, e-book, and allowing students to use the software and experiment with in.
- Other helpful resources shared at the meeting were: www.TodaysMeet.com, www.storybird.com, www.animoto.com - free version allows you to create an engaging 30 second video. A discounted educational version allows for longer videos, www.polleverywhere.com - for interactive web-based question and answers, www.apple.com/education - apple has a multitude of resources one of which a teacher can become certified to be an apple certified educator.
- Staff Enhancement (Roberta Manheim/Jasenda League)
 - Collected over \$200 more from teachers for dues. Many thought they had paid. Will send reminder on payday.
- Student Climate (Olympia Diaz)
 - No report
- Technology (*David Dewar*)
 - No report

• Students (2 voting members) -Seniors: Abhi Nathan & Sabrina Kaplan Juniors: Alternating Reps

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

January upcoming events:

- All PTSA members are encouraged to attend the PTSA General Meeting scheduled for January 19th at 5:30 pm in the auditorium. We will be voting for the nominating committee that will be facilitating the nomination and election of new PTSA board members. We will also have a special guest speaker who will provide key information about the SPLOST vote that is coming up in March.
- Teachers and coaches please encourage your students to attend **Fuel for Performance** during WEB on January 25th.
- Teacher Appreciation Week will occur January 30th through February 3rd. Plan on participating in the festivities.

Key Accomplishments and Activities:

November:

- Provided lunches and token appreciation gifts to our Bus Drivers, Custodians and Safety Officer.
- In partnership with the Cobb and Douglas County Health Department, PTSA held The Great American Smoke Out educational event.

December:

- PTSA reviewed Teacher Grant Requests and funded the purchase of teaching materials totally approximately \$5,000.
- Fruit baskets and healthy snacks were distributed to teach lounges and mailrooms during finals prep week.
- Teachers Holiday luncheon was catered by Marlow's on December 13.

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

No report

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

Mr. Sweeney expressed that things are quiet now. Budgets going into next year will be up for discussion. There is proposed 2% increase, but a lot depends on that. Waiting to hear of Trump's Education Secretary.

• Old Business

• New Business

• Motion to Adjourn

- By ____Tina Link____

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 24
 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