

WGC Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2017

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper – Sheila Sell
 - Start - 3:45 p.m.
- Introductions – All present introduced themselves.
- Attending were: Judy McNeill, Suzanne Schott, Tina Link, Teresa Casey, Liz Manguno, Anna Stanton, Anne Carlson, Donna Blankenbecler, Elizabeth Plotkin, Maggie Taylor, Jasenda League, Jennifer West, Katie Bustle, Pat Harvey, Sheila Sell, Tamara Hollingsworth, Christine Gordon, John Tapley, Heena Patel, Angela Strickland, Luiza Cunha
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Approved by Pat Harvey and 2nd by Tamara Hollingsworth

Reports:

• Administration (3 voting members)

- Principal – *Judy McNeill*
The Ribbon Cutting on July 30th was well attended by parents, students and community members. Guest speakers included State Senator Johnny Isakson and Mark Elgart, President and CEO of AdvanceED. Community and student response to the new building has been complimentary. It is a school built for students and the school year is off to a good start. The Fine Arts Department has already scheduled performances extending throughout the semester; sports kicks off with the Corky Kell Classic in the Georgia State Stadium on August 19.
- Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
Suzanne reported that administrative responsibilities have remained largely unchanged; however, Catherine Mallanda will now work with all seniors since Beth Martin will be splitting her time between Walton and Kincaid Elementary.
- Non-certified Staff Delegate-*Melissa Schrenk*
No report

• Department Representatives (9 voting members)

- Career Tech – *Lori Foltz*
No report
- English/ESOL - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
No report
- Math - *Jennifer West*
Math team had an amazing summer. Their summer camp attendance maxed out and they earned enough money to participate in ten competitions this year, including ones at Columbia, Harvard, and the College of Charleston. Registration has already begun for their camp in September. Teachers love their new space and great storage.
- Media/Guidance - *Anne Carlson*
Guidance – Counselors will be working with the same alphabetical ranges again this year. They will be speaking to all seniors this Thursday and Friday. Senior activity regarding college applications has started early this year and counselors are working with them on timelines. The guidance staff is working on establishing procedures to ensure that students visiting the guidance suite during lunch follow school policies.

Information Center – The Information Center is proving to be popular with students. Information staff are working on creating a climate that supports those students looking for a place to work individually and in groups, as well as to read, relax and explore books.

- PE/Fine Arts - *Maggie Taylor*
The Fine Arts Department is at full steam. Fall concerts are on the school calendar. Chorus has its first performance October 5th at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church. Enrollment in the program is strong; 475 students are in chorus, 400 in orchestra, and 300+ in band.
- Science - *Pat Harvey*
No report

- Social Studies - *Christine Gordon*
No report
- Special Education - *Katie Bustle*
No report
- World Languages/Gifted - *Rachel Baker*
No Report

- Committee Facilitators Reports (non-voting members)

- Curriculum and Instruction - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
No report
- Attendance and Discipline - *Christy Lewis & Beth Plotkin*
No report
- Facilities - *Lori Lavoy and Sheila Sell*
The committee is soliciting input on traffic patterns in the building. The B staircase is somewhat crowded.
- Goals and Assessment - *Jennifer West*
No report
- Professional Learning - *Tobi Hendricks*
No report
- Staff Enhancement - *Roberta Manheim/Jasenda League*
The response to staff enhancement dues has been excellent. Roberta will be sending out an email to those staff members who have not contributed in a few weeks.
- Student Climate - *Olympia Diaz*
No report
- Technology - *Donna Blankenbecler & Anna Stanton*
No report

- Students (2 voting members) Seniors: Luiza Cunha & Lauren McConnell Juniors: Alternating Reps

Luiza reported that students find the new building amazing and appreciate all of the new facilities. She says there are some problems with students staying in their "lanes" on the staircases. The similarity of the sounds of the warning and tardy bells is causing confusion for some students. She also reported that some students find the Information Center too loud for productive work and that the senior section is also too loud.

- PTSA (3 voting members) – Irene Barton, John Tapley

1. Very successful orientation, ~2500 memberships registered
2. Walton PTSA received several awards at the Georgia PTA convention last week:
 - a. President's award for highest percentage membership
 - b. 3rd place, Outstanding Local Unit award
 - c. Membership Madness winner (during March madness) and \$500 award
3. PTSA general meeting next week between 1st and 2nd open house on the 16th
4. 1st Raiders Choice program during WEB on the 16th, Windows 365 training
5. Health and Wellness committee sponsored "Creation Station" salad bar now open, variety of fresh ingredients including seasonal vegetables, locally grown.

- Facilities Foundation (2 voting members) – Neysa Lee, Heena Patel, Angela Strickland

Angela said orientation went very well. There was a lot of enthusiasm from parents. She said the Foundation will be working with the math and science departments on the Walton Garden and that the auction will be held again this year.

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

No report

- Old Business

None

- New Business

None

- Motion to Adjourn

- By Pat Harvey

WGC (Council) Meetings:

(Held at 3:30 in the Room 400)

~~August 8, 2017 (kick-off meeting)~~

September 5, 2017

October 3, 2017

November – no meeting

December 5, 2017

January 9, 2018

February 6, 2018

March 6, 2018

April 10, 2018 (due to Spring Break)

May 1, 2018

WGC Committee Meetings:

(Times and locations vary by committee)

August 15, 2017

September 12, 2017

October 10, 2017

November – no meeting

December 12, 2017

January 16, 2018

February 13, 2018

March 13, 2018

April 17, 2018

May – no meeting