

WGC Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper – Donna Blankenbecler
 - Start - 3:45
- Introductions – NA
- Attending: Rachel Baker, Irene Barton, Donna Blankenbecler, Katie Bustle, Anne Carlson, Christine Gordon, Tobie Hendricks, Tamara Hollingsworth, Lori LaVoy, Jasenda League, Neysa Lee, Tina Link, Liz Manguno, Roberta Manheim, Lauren McConnell, Christy Page, Suzanne Schott, Anna Stanton, Angela Strickland, Scott Sweeny, John Tapley, Maggie Taylor, Jennifer West
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Approved by Jasenda League ; 2nd by Tamara Hollingsworth

Reports:

• Administration (3 voting members)

- Principal – *Judy McNeill*
- Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
 - Suzanne reported in Mrs. McNeill's absence.
 - Congratulations to Coach Daniel Brunner and the football team; they are undefeated.
 - Varsity volleyball is also undefeated and nationally ranked; there are three upcoming tournaments (in Louisville, Tampa and Phoenix); congratulations to Coach Suzanne Fitzgerald and her team.
 - Brian Benton took part of the Robotics team to Orlando. They visited NASA and Disney World to conduct a physics study of Space Mountain.
 - Six-week report cards will be distributed in homeroom next week.
- Non-certified Staff Delegate – Position Open
 - No report

• Department Representatives (9 voting members)

- Career Tech – *Lori Foltz*
 - No report
- English/ESOL - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
 - No report
- Math - *Jennifer West*
 - Walton hosting the first Cobb County Math tournament of the season – October 23rd
 - Elementary Math Fest – September 16th – open to 4th and 5th grade students
 - Middle School Math Fest – September 16th – open to teams and individuals
 - September Math Camp – September 25 – 28 – open to 4th, 5th, 6th grade students; this event filled last year so early registration is recommended
 - All registrations are available on www.waltonmathteam.com
- Media/Guidance - *Anne Carlson*
 - Guidance –
 - We had a large turnout for Senior Parent night.
 - PROBE College Fair is on September 11th - North Point Mall for 6 to 9 pm.; thanks to PTSA for all their help
 - Freshman Parent Night is tonight, Tuesday, September 5.
 - Financial Aid night has been changed to November 9th from November 11th.
 - Senior anxiety is high; counselors are busy writing letters of recommendation.

Information Center –

- We completed our annual inventory.
 - We conducted our first meeting of the Information Center Ambassadors club, a program that will allow students to participate in the development and implementation of library programs and in the maintenance of our physical space.
 - We are teaching freshman orientation lessons in 9th grade English classes.
 - We continue to work on managing lunch period access to the information center while maintaining an inviting and academic environment.
- PE/Fine Arts - *Maggie Taylor*
 - Walton Chorus had a successful outing to the Braves game on August 21st (yes, Eclipse Day☺) where 250 students sang our National Anthem beautifully.
 - Congratulations to Dr. Jana Williams, one of twenty music educators from around the country invited to present at a two-day conference entitled “Tanglewood Conversations.” The conference marks the 50th anniversary of The Tanglewood Symposium, a landmark event that took place in 1967 and led in shaping the course of music education in the United States. One of the guiding leaders of the Symposium was Boston University, along with the National Association for Music Education. Dr. Williams was chosen to represent the high school choral perspective in this two-day talk about the future of music education.
 - Please make note of our upcoming concert dates. All are encouraged to attend!
 - Chorus – October 5, 7:30 PM, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
 - Full Orchestra – September 18, 7:30 PM, Walton Theater
 - Science - *Pat Harvey*
 - No report
 - Social Studies - *Christine Gordon*
 - GHP informational meeting for any interested sophomore or junior will be on Tuesday, 9/12 at 7:50 a.m. and another at 3:30 p.m. in room 322. This meeting is open to all students in academic areas.
 - Special Education - *Katie Bustle*
 - John Conde has joined the Walton staff as a special education paraprofessional.
 - World Languages/Gifted - *Rachel Baker*
 - No report

• Committee Facilitators Reports (non-voting members)

- Curriculum and Instruction - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
 - Curriculum and Instruction meet and introductions were made. No other report.
- Attendance and Discipline - *Christy Lewis & Beth Plotkin*
 - Committee discussed taking attendance with Synergy. Will we be taking attendance in every class eventually?
Discussion: *Sheila Sell said her department felt taking attendance through Synergy went well the one day it was used.*
 - Committee members would like more details about locations where and when students are allowed to be during their lunch period
Discussion: *Lunch procedures are a work-in-progress and continued feedback is needed. Establishing procedures is on-going. Once the tables that are on order arrive and are placed outside of the Information Center, a policy for using them will be established. Students will no longer be allowed to sit on the floor in that area once the tables are in place. On a positive note, students have figured out the building and are arriving to class on time.*
- Facilities - *Lori LaVoy and Sheila Sell*
 - No report
- Goals and Assessment - *Jennifer West*
 - No report – waiting for current year’s paperwork to arrive from the state

- Professional Learning - *Tobi Hendricks/Matt Staruch*
 - The committee is getting ideas as to what was successful in the past in order to plan for this year.
- Staff Enhancement - *Roberta Manheim/Jasenda League*
 - No report
- Student Climate - *Olympia Diaz*
 - The Student Climate Committee had their first meeting and the main topic was “Halloween” at Walton. We began discussing this last year with Pam Lavangie present at our meetings to brainstorm ideas on how we are going to proceed with our Halloween tradition in the new building. The committee came up with great ideas. One of the first suggestions was to make that day a WEB, and it was granted. Thanks to our Administration!
- Technology - *Donna Blankenbecler & Anna Stanton*
 - Introductions
 - Discussed Apple TV is dropping teachers in their rooms
 - Focus of this year will be sharing Classroom apps. We will be meeting in Room 344 from now on so we can share apps on the apple TV/IPads
 - Synergy has been well received for entering grades.
 - Need for discussion: Can we streamline attendance by taking it in Synergy for every class?
Discussion: John Tapley asked if electronic versions of textbooks were available. Tina Link said e-textbooks would be a requirement in all future textbook adoptions.

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

- Lauren reported that students are adjusting to the new building. She said students found the food options good. There had been some concern about the size of the dining hall but the space is working.

● PTSA (3 voting members) – Irene Barton, Dawn Quinn, John Tapley

- Carmen Melendez accepted position as Diversity and Inclusion Chair, a new role in the PTSA; an important role, strategic to the mission
- Upcoming events PTSA is either sponsoring or a participant in:
 - 9/11 - Probe College Fair, Northpoint Mall; advance registration is not required, but is recommended
 - 9/12 - Academic bars and Letters
 - 9/13 - Freshman Picnic
 - 9/16 - East Cobber Parade
 - 9/20 - Career Fair (along hallway outside of Information Center) and Interviewing Skills Workshop (Lecture Hall)
 - 9/21 - District 9 Fall Conference
 - 10/3-4 - Hearing and Vision

Discussion: Scott Sweeney thanked the PTSA for all they do. He noted that former Walton parent and past WGC board member Karen Hallacy is the current president-elect of Georgia PTA.

● Facilities Foundation (2 voting members) – Neysa Lee, Angela Strickland

- **Foundation Update**
 - Completed Open House – highest level fundraising
 - Supporting Walton Gardens Initiative
 - Evaluating Hand Sanitizer Solutions
- **Key Dates:**
 - 10/6 – Walton Alumni Homecoming Event
 - 10/7 – Walton Homecoming Dance
 - 3/17 – Foundation Auction
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Discussion:

The issue of providing Kleenex for classrooms was raised. Neysa Lee suggested an e-blast request. John Tapley said he would look into it.

Angela Strickland said plans are underway for alumni to meet off-campus before the October 6th game. The Foundation is looking into providing reserved parking and/or reserved seating for alumni.

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

- Scott Sweeney reported on recent Board activity. He said the Board has switched to scheduling only one meeting per month.
Approval for the demolition of the old building will probably be discussed at the October meeting. Once demolition is approved, the process will begin almost immediately and last at least three months. Reclaiming the HVAC and electrical units will be noisy and dirty. Anne Carlson expressed concern about noise on October 11 when the PSAT will be given. Scott said he would address that concern.
Scott said the school calendar will be discussed at the October work session with voting at the October meeting. It will probably be a two-year calendar.
Scott said future SPLOSTs would address the possibility of returning the tennis courts and softball diamond to campus. This would require obtaining land, which is a complicated and costly endeavor.
The Board is aware that the Robotics team does not have a space for their projects. They are investigating options, including leasing commercial space.

• Old Business

- None

• New Business

- None

• Motion to Adjourn

- By Neysa Lee, seconded by Donna Blankenbecler

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