

October 3, 2017

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper – Anna Stanton
 - Start – 3:43 p.m.
- Introductions – Senior Lara Bassil will serve as the new student rep., filling the vacancy created by Luiza Cunha’s move.
- Attending – Rachel Baker, Irene Barton, Lara Bassil, Katie Bustle, Anne Carlson, Teresa Casey, Christine Gordon, Tamara Hollingsworth, Lori LaVoy, Jasenda League, Neysa Lee, Tina Link, Liz Manguno, Lauren McConnell, Judy McNeill, Beth Plotkin, Suzanne Schott, Anna Stanton, Matt Staruch, John Tapley, Maggie Taylor, Jennifer West
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Motion to approve by Tamara Hollingsworth 2nd by Anne Carlson

Reports:

- Administration (3 voting members)
 - Principal – *Judy McNeill*
 - In spite of the challenges of adapting to the new building and the disruptions to the instructional calendar (storm days, WEB and early release in same week) Walton is moving along and doing well.
 - Fine Arts is well underway with choral and orchestra concerts scheduled.
 - In Athletics, volleyball is making its mark across the nation, cross country is headed to a meet in North Carolina on Saturday, and football is ranked 4th in the state.
 - The focus at this time is the charter renewal petition. It is posted on the school’s website. The faculty voted today; parents will vote tonight and tomorrow. Parents are encouraged to vote. Mrs. McNeill explained that the charter is a contract between the school and the state and that it gives the school flexibility in curriculum, resource materials and scheduling. She said the initial charter petition in 1998 was in response to a county initiative to have all schools go on the block schedule. Since that time, the charter’s impact has continued to expand. The charter proposal is currently being reviewed by the county. The county is expected to provide feedback to the school by October 24. All indications are that the county will have few questions regarding the charter. Assuming any/all questions are addressed, the charter petition will be presented to the Board at the early November meeting and, if approved, will be signed at that time. The next step is an interview by the state. Mrs. McNeill expects the interview to focus on how Walton exercises its autonomy and the structure of the school’s board. She explained that the new charter application requires that none of the five board members be employees of the school or the district and that the members of the board reflect diversity of experience. This is a change from past charter requirements. The board members being proposed in this charter petition reflect that diversity and all have a background in education. Mrs. McNeill said it was critical that this first board understand education and Walton. The administration of Chamblee Charter told her they had found it challenging to work with their board because, though the board members were all highly qualified in their various fields, their lack of understanding of how schools operate meant a great deal of time was spent educating the board on education. Walton’s proposed board was chosen by the current board and was derived from a list of candidates proposed by teachers and the administration.
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 - Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
 - No report
 - Non-certified Staff Delegate – Position Open
 - No report

- Department Representatives (9 voting members)
 - Career Tech – *Lori Foltz*
 - No report
 - English/ESOL - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
 - GHP interviews are being conducted this week.
 - Math - *Jennifer West*
 - 3 nominees for GHP move on to school-level interviews

- September Math Camp and Elementary/Middle School MathFests were a success (Math team has raised enough to cover their Harvard/MIT trip in November). Thanks to all who promoted these events. Next up will be fund raising for the February trip to Columbia.
 - Po-Shen Loh (Professor of Math at Carnegie-Mellon University and coach of USA International Math Olympiad team) will be at Walton January 30. STEM students as well as Walton and county math teams are being invited to hear Professor Loh.
 - Walton will host the first of three Cobb County Math Tournaments on Monday, October 30.
 - Supply teacher. Kathryn Reagan is now on maternity leave. The math department is exploring options for covering her classes and hopes to be able to do so within the department by having Walton teachers work an extended day. This is subject to county approval.
- Media/Guidance - *Anne Carlson*
 - Guidance –
 - Counselors are busy preparing for next Wednesday’s PSAT. Every staff member, except those in clerical positions, will be involved in assisting with this day’s events.
 - The rush of college applications is underway. Teachers will be receiving requests for recommendations. Counselors are available to assist any teacher needing assistance with submitting recommendations through Naviance.
 - Information Center –
 - The second book club meeting is tomorrow, October 4. The book is *Scythe*. All members of the Walton community are welcome to attend.
 - PE/Fine Arts - *Maggie Taylor*
 - **Chorus** – Our fall concert is coming up this Thursday, October 5 at Johnson Ferry Baptist at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!
 - Science - *Pat Harvey*
 - No report
 - Social Studies - *Christine Gordon*
 - GHP interviews are underway this week.
 - Rho Kappa and the GA Student Ambassadors groups are set to conduct voter registration drives during all lunch periods on Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5. They will be encouraging eligible seniors to register to vote. The deadline to register for this year’s election is October 10.
 - Special Education - *Katie Bustle*
 - Raider Joe’s opened for business today. Mrs. McNeill said Meredith Nelson reported the opening a great success.
 - World Languages/Gifted - *Rachel Baker*
 - No report

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

- Curriculum and Instruction - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
 - No report. The meeting was cancelled due to the storm days.
- Attendance and Discipline - *Christy Lewis & Beth Plotkin*
 - No report
- Facilities - *Lori LaVoy and Sheila Sell*
 - No report; however, both teachers and students have commented that people seem to be not getting sick this year.
- Goals and Assessment - *Jennifer West*
 - Annual Report form received – committee to begin working on it Wednesday.
 - November 1st deadline for submitting Annual Report.

- Professional Learning - *Tobi Hendricks/Matt Staruch*
 - The committee is compiling a list of professional development that faculty members have found to be worthwhile and enjoyable. He cited Tara Cohen's excursion to Iceland and Amy Merlin's Germany experience as examples. He asks that department representatives ask their colleagues to let the Professional Learning Committee know of any professional development they recommend.
 - Tina Link shared the news that Matt and Kara Staruch are expecting twin baby boys.
- Staff Enhancement - *Roberta Manheim/Jasenda League*
 - No report other than that baby bibs are on order.
- Student Climate - *Olympia Diaz*
 - A few members of Student Climate met before fall break with Pam Lavangie to discuss logistics for Halloween at Walton. Procedures are being put in place to create a "contract type" document for students participating in groups. They are looking at this carefully, as they want this tradition to continue at Walton, but want students to be, first of all, safe and also responsible. Marisela will touch base with Pam and committee members this week.
- Technology - *Donna Blankenbecler & Anna Stanton*
 - No report

• Students (2 voting members) Seniors: Lara Bassel & Lauren McConnell Juniors: Alternating Reps

- Students are excited about Homecoming this weekend. 195 tickets to the dance have been sold so far. Tickets will continue to be sold during lunch throughout the week and at the door.

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

- Career fair and interviewing skills workshop on Sept. 20 were a huge success. There was no idle time for any of the coaches; constant interaction and interest from a steady stream of students for the entire session. And great feedback from the coaches afterwards; very impressed by high level of enthusiasm and engagement from our students.
- Upcoming events:
 - Hearing and vision screening, Oct. 3 & Oct. 4 (sophomores)
 - Reflections submission deadline is Oct. 9; theme this year is *Within Reach*
 - Operation clean sweep Oct. 7 from 11:00 to 2:00
 - Substance abuse prevention and awareness program Oct. 24, 6:30 to 8:15 in the Walton Theater. Presented by distinguished panel of legal, medical and community service experts. This is an important topic and attendance is encouraged.
- A representative from PAGE spoke on Georgia's ESSA submission at the Ninth District PTA Fall Conference.
- The PTA is following the "discussion" Governor Nathan Deal is having with Superintendent Richard Woods over testing.
- Georgia's state PTA is still on probation; however, it is making progress under new leadership and has a more positive path forward.

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

- **Homecoming Week!**
 - Friday: Alumni Event @ Zeal, 4:00 – 6:30, \$20 per person for appetizers and drinks
 - Saturday: Homecoming Dance @ WHS gym, 8:00 – 11:00, \$15 per person
- The Foundation continues in its efforts to raise funds and has initiated an outreach to alumni.
- All WGC standing committees will have Foundation representatives by next week's meetings.
- Two parent information sessions have been held on Naviance. Two more sessions will be scheduled. These will be held after school to accommodate working parents.

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

- No report

• Old Business

- No report

• New Business

- No report

• Motion to Adjourn

- By Anne Carlson; seconded by Suzanne Schott.

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 (School cancelled due to storm)~~

October 10, 2017

November – no meeting

December 12, 2017

January 16, 2018

February 13, 2018

March 13, 2018

April 17, 2018

May – no meeting