

WGC Meeting Minutes January 9, 2018

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper – Jennifer West
 - Start – 3:45 p.m.
- Introductions –
- Attending – Rachel Baker, Irene Barton, Lara Bassil, Katie Bustle, Anne Carlson, Teresa Casey, Lori Foltz, Christine Gordon, Pat Harvey, Tobie Hendricks, Tamara Hollingsworth, Lori LaVoy, Jasenda League, Tina Link, Liz Manguno, Roberta Manheim, Judy McNeill, Suzanne Schott, Anna Stanton, Scott Sweeney, John Tapley, Maggie Taylor, Jennifer West
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Motion to approve by Tamara Hollingsworth; 2nd by Suzanne Schott

Reports:

New Business – A resolution to approve the new charter petition was brought before the WGC Board. Tina Link read the petition. Tamara Hollingsworth made a motion to vote on the resolution; Suzanne Schott seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution, a copy of which is attached.

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| • Administration (3 voting members) |
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- Principal – *Judy McNeill*
 - Mrs. McNeill said the first semester ended smoothly. Exams and final grades all went well. The spring semester is off to a good start. Winter sports are in midseason. She encourages those who can to attend basketball games and wrestling matches. The fine arts department completed its season of concerts and performances before the winter break and is now preparing for state competitions and evaluations. The semester is off to a good start.
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- Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
 - No report.
- Non-certified Staff Delegate – Position Open
 - No report.

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| • Department Representatives (9 voting members) |
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- Career Tech – *Lori Foltz*
 - CTAE is getting new computers and computer tables this week and next thanks to a grant.
- English/ESOL - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
 - No report.
- Math - *Jennifer West*
 - The American Mathematics Competition (AMC) will be given on February 7 (WEB). Students will be excused with incentive from all of their classes that day. A full roster will be distributed once registration is complete. Stem students, students taking an accelerated math class and other interested students will participate in the competition.
 - Dr. Po-Shen Loh's visit to Walton – January 30. Dr. Po is the national coach of the USA Math Olympiad team. STEM students and Math Team students will be attending the

presentation. Faculty and staff are invited to attend Dr. Po's student presentations during their planning/lunch period. Faculty will be given a full roster of students attending. Additionally, Dr. Po will be speaking directly to the faculty at 3:45. All sessions will be held in the Lecture Hall. Please sign up at www.waltonmathteam.com if you are interested in attending, as seating is limited and the sessions are expected to be full. Dr. Po is a highly engaging speaker and will tailor his addresses to meet the needs of the different audiences. He will discuss such topics as the pressures of high school and what colleges are looking for.

- Media/Guidance - *Anne Carlson*

- Guidance –

- No report.

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- Information Center –

- The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl county competition is this Saturday, January 13 at Campbell High School. The invitational round of the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO) is January 25.

- PE/Fine Arts - *Maggie Taylor*

- No report.

- Science - *Pat Harvey*

- No report.

- Social Studies - *Christine Gordon*

- No report.

- Special Education - *Katie Bustle*

- No report.

- World Languages/Gifted - *Rachel Baker*

- No report.

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| ● Committee Facilitators Reports (non-voting members) |
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- Curriculum and Instruction - *Tamara Hollingsworth*

- No report.

- Attendance and Discipline - *Christy Lewis & Beth Plotkin*

- No report.

- Facilities - *Lori LaVoy & Sheila Sell*

- No report.

- Goals and Assessment - *Jennifer West*

- The annual report was approved.

- Professional Learning - *Tobi Hendricks & Matt Staruch*

- We are collecting information about positive professional learning opportunities that people have attended. We would like to use this as a resource for Walton teachers to reference.

- Staff Enhancement - *Roberta Manheim & Jasenda League*

- The back to school luncheon was a success. Most staff members have paid their staff enhancement dues. The committee has given out lots of baby gifts. The next staff enhancement activity will be centered around Valentine's Day.
- o Student Climate - *Olympia Diaz*
 - No report.
- o Technology - *Donna Blankenbecler & Anna Stanton*
 - The committee reviewed an app at its December meeting. Nothing else to report.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students (2 voting members) Seniors: Lara Bassil & Lauren McConnell Juniors: Alternating Reps |
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- No report.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTSA (3 voting members) – Irene Barton, Dawn Quinn, John Tapley |
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- The PTSA general meeting will be held before Open Huse on January 18 from 5:30 – 6:30. The agenda includes reviewing and recruiting for open positions for the upcoming school year, budget highlights, and any changes that need to be voted on.
- The Raiders' Choice program will be held during WEB on January 24 in the Lecture Hall. It will feature a KSU Coles College of Business workshop on the Entrepreneurial Mindset. Members from the Robin and Doug Shore Entrepreneurship Center will be on hand to facilitate. The Entrepreneurship Center will be contacting the school regarding forming a partner program.
- An "Intro to Mindfulness" will be held Wednesday, January 17 in the Lecture Hall. This free one-hour presentation is offered from 4-5:00 p.m. and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parents, teachers and students are encouraged to attend.
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation is the week of 1/29.
- The state legislature resumed business January 8. The governor will be giving his State of the State address this Thursday. The budget will be release on Friday. Since this is an election year, no major changes are expected in the budget.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Foundation (2 voting members) – Neysa Lee, Angela Strickland |
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- No report other than the Foundation is working toward the Gala in March.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business/Community [Partners in Education, CCSD Board member, Community Representative] (3 voting members) Scott Sweeney |
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- Scott Sweeney said the Board's biggest challenge is the budget. They will not have more information on that until the state releases its budget.
- The state is changing the method and metrics of the CCRPI scores again so there is no way to trend those scores.

- Mr. Sweeney said the Board hopes test results will be returned sooner this year. This is especially important at the lower levels so corrective action can be taken. When the test results are significantly delayed, it is not possible to make needed adjustment in time.
- The Board is changing its meeting schedule from two meeting per month to one meeting per month. The meetings will generally be held on the third Thursday. The work session will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by executive session at 5:30 p.m., and the open Board meeting and recognitions at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. McNeill brought up the amount of money Cobb pays to the state as part of the Fair Share program (in the neighborhood of \$142 million) and noted that the state does not consider local exemptions, such as the school tax exemption for homeowners 62 and older, when calculating how much the county receives.
- Mr. Sweeney said the funds paid back to the county are based on the total tax digest. He said the Board is asking for some form of relief that would factor in exemptions, but he does not believe the 62 exemption is going away. That exemption was put in place as a local amendment to the state constitution and, therefore, can only be changed if the state representatives propose an amendment that would then have to be voted on by Cobb residents. Since voters now receiving that exemption and those soon to qualify would strongly oppose a change, the Cobb delegation has no incentive to pursue the issue.
- Mr. Sweeney was uncertain as to whether or not Georgia still allows local constitutional amendments. He added that some districts are looking at passing a local sales tax to support education, but said there is a danger in using a consumption tax to fund operational issues because a downturn in the economy would result in funding instability.
- Mr. Sweeney said Gwinnett County currently qualifies for \$160 million in Fair Share funding but may soon lose that allowance once certain calculations go above 50%.
- Mr. Sweeney discussed the problems Fulton County encountered when it sought to fully assess properties after years of being slow to stay current. He said Cobb does a better job of keeping up with assessments. He predicts an increase in property tax funding of 3% this year as opposed to the 4-5% of recent years. He said the Board faces challenges in meeting the increased cost of health insurance and the teacher retirement system, neither of which is fully funded by the State. These challenges make it difficult for the Board to do what it would like to do for teachers.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to Adjourn |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- By Tamara Hollingsworth; seconded by Suzanne Schott |
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| <p><u>WGC (Council) Meetings:</u></p> <p>(Held at 3:30 in the Room 400)</p> <p>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</p> | <p><u>WGC Committee Meetings:</u></p> <p>(Times and locations vary by committee)</p> <p>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</p> |
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RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARTER PETITION
Walton High School, Cobb County, Georgia

WHEREAS, the parents, faculty and staff of Walton High School have approved the attached Charter Renewal Petition;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Walton Governance Council Board approves aforementioned Charter Renewal Petition and presents it to the State of Georgia Charter Commission.

Voted on and approved _____
(date)

Chairperson, Walton Governance Council

(date)