

WGC Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2018

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper – Jennifer West
 - Start – 3:45 p.m.
- Introductions – None
- Attending – Rachel Baker, Irene Barton, Donna Blankenbecler, Katie Bustle, Teresa Casey, Tobie Hendricks, Tamara Hollingsworth, Lori LaVoy, Jasenda League, Tina Link, Liz Manguno, Beth Plotkin, Sheila Sell, John Tapley, Jennifer West
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Motion to approve by Tamara Hollingsworth; 2nd by Tobi Hendricks

Reports:

• Administration (3 voting members)

- Principal – *Judy McNeill*
 - Judy asked Liz to report on today's faculty meetings. At the meetings, Judy updated the faculty on the findings of the Cobb County Police Department regarding the Code Red drill conducted last Friday. Captain Picket said the drill went very well. The only area needing improvement is window coverings. SGA and Student Leadership will be helping fashion black felt coverings for all areas. Judy then reviewed key elements of code yellow and code red drills.
 - Judy also updated the faculty on the County's response to the walkout some student plan to conduct March 14 in honor of the 17 victims of the Margaret Stoneman Douglas shooting. The county does not support walkouts that interrupt normal school operations. Students who participate will face a discipline consequence. The consequence will be the same for all students in the county. Walton will honor the shooting victims with an event before school as well as a reading of names and moment of silence at 10:00 a.m.
- 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*
 - No report.
- Math - *Jennifer West*
 - Dr. Po Shen-Loh's visit on January 30 was very well received. Approximately 30 teachers attended the staff session after school. Thanks to all who attended.
 - Walton's Math Team traveled to the College of Charleston over February break. Even without a full team to compete, Walton won 3 of the 5 events.
 - Upcoming tournaments include Georgia Tech (3/10) and Columbia University (4/14).
 - The Elementary MathFest for 4th & 5th graders will be held March 17, starting at 9 a.m. Registration is online at www.waltonmathteam.com.
 - The Summer Camp for Puzzles & Logic (for rising 4th through 8th graders) will be held June 4 – 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is online at the above address.
- Media/Guidance - *Anne Carlson*
 - Guidance –
 - Ninth grade advisement will be the weeks of March 12, 19 and 26. No advisement sessions are conducted during WEB's.
 - Counselors are finishing the State Bridge Bill Requirements for all grade levels.

- Over 92% of Walton seniors have applied to colleges. Total applications to date exceed 8,000.

Information Center –

- Having taken first place in the Regional competition last month, Walton’s Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl team advanced to the Division competition last Saturday and came in fourth.
 - Two Walton students placed in the top ten percent in the NACLO Open Round. They advance to the Invitational Round this Thursday.
 - The Information Center staff are in the process of purchasing new furniture, including mobile tables that will facilitate collaborative class projects, as well as additional seating. They are also revamping the student collaboration room so it can be better used to support technology and learning.
- PE/Fine Arts - *Maggie Taylor*
 - Walton Chorus had a successful outing to the Georgia Music Educator’s Choral Evaluations last Thursday and Friday. All choirs earned a Superior rating. Thank you to teachers for your flexibility in allowing students to make up missed work!
 - The Walton orchestras will be performing their performance evaluations for judges at Walton in the theater on Wednesday, March 7. The faculty and staff are welcome to come enjoy any and all of these performances. The schedule for performances is listed below.
 - 9:00 a.m.: Ionian & Locrian Performance
 - 10:00 a.m.: Dorian & Aeolian Performance
 - 10:45-11:40 a.m.: Chamber Orchestra open rehearsal for national ASTA performance
 - 12:00 p.m.: Philharmonia Performance
 - 12:50 p.m.: Sinfonia Performance
 - The Chamber Orchestra is playing at the National American String Teacher Association conference opening session on Thursday, March 8. The quartets are also playing on Wednesday evening.
 - Science - *Tina Link and Tobi Hendricks reporting*
 - The Science Olympiad team came in 2nd at the regional tournament last month. They now advance to the state tournament. This is their 16th consecutive trip to the state tournament and their 22nd appearance since 1994.
 - The Science Bowl team placed 3rd in their most recent competition.
 - The science department will be offering three camps this summer for elementary and middle school students. There will be a Science Camp as well as camps for coding and forensics.
 - Social Studies - *Christine Gordon*
 - Congratulations to Matt and Kara Staruch on the birth of twin boys on February 15!
 - The Social Studies National Honor Society will be conducting voter registration drives on Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15 during all three lunch periods. Students may register if they are 17 ½ years old and will turn 18 by election day.
 - 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 & Sheila Sell*
 - No report.
- Goals and Assessment - *Jennifer West*
 - No report.

- Professional Learning - *Tobi Hendricks & Matt Staruch*
 - The committee has received some reviews of beneficial professional development from a couple of departments. They are still compiling information.
- Staff Enhancement - *Roberta Manheim & Jasenda League*
 - No report.
- Student Climate - *Olympia Diaz*
 - Sandy Evans will be attending the March 13 meeting when the committee plans to discuss health and wellness and ways to help students manage stress.
- Technology - *Donna Blankenbecler & Anna Stanton*
 - The committee discussed using Canvas school wide. Members of the committee have been asked to speak to their departments about Canvas and report back to the committee.

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

- Lara said the students in computer science classes who have explored Canvas have found it to be beneficial because the format is good and all classes would be on a single platform.

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

John Tapley reported on current and upcoming PTSA activities:

- A nominating committee has been elected to coordinate the search for candidates to fill open positions on the executive board for the upcoming school year. PTSA is also recruiting for soon-to-be-open committee and volunteer positions.
- An additional round of teacher grants will be awarded. Applications are due by March 23.
- An Introduction to Mindfulness will be held this Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 in the Lecture Hall. Parents, teachers and students are invited to attend this interactive and engaging free event.
- Operation Clean Sweep will take place Saturday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. PTSA will provide the cleaning supplies and pizza for all volunteers.
- A Cool Girls Drive will be held the week of March 19. The Walton community is asked to donate gently used accessories, pajamas and room décor for school-age girls.
- A Senior Girls Self Defense Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 at 1:00 in the Auxiliary Gym. All senior girls are encouraged to attend this important life skills training.
- PTA Day at the Capitol was a success. The PTSA monitored and advocated for several bills that would impact education. Walton PTSA is scheduled to speak in support of SB 362 that opens in the House on March 7. The bill would establish an innovative assessment pilot program as a replacement for certain statewide testing requirements.

Irene Barton provided additional information on PTSA concerns:

- The voucher bill being considered by the state legislature did not cross over. It could, however, still be tacked on to another bill.
- The Walton Facebook page includes information on the PTSA's long-standing position on gun safety and violence prevention.
- Statewide, austerity cuts to education have totaled over \$9 billion since 2003.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

• Old Business

- No report.

• New Business

- None

• Motion to Adjourn

- By Tamara Hollingsworth; seconded by Jasenda League

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 (Cluster meeting)~~

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