

## WGC Meeting Minutes

### 10 April 2018

#### Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
  - Time Keeper – Jennifer West
  - Start – 3:45
- Introductions – Wendy Alexander, parent; Hayden Kepner, parent; Natalie Carlomagno, student; Kate Valakos, parent.
- Mr. Kepner, Ms. Carlomagno and Ms. Valakos spoke during the Open Comments session. They addressed the council on issues related to security, communication and discipline.
- Attending – Rachel Baker, Irene Barton, Katie Bustle, Anne Carlson, Teresa Casey, Christine Gordon, Pat Harvey, Tobie Hendricks, Tamara Hollingsworth, Lori LaVoy, Neysa Lee, Tina Link, Liz Manguno, Roberta Manheim, Lauren McConnell, Judy McNeill, Christy Page, Suzanne Schott, Sheila Sell, Anna Stanton, Scott Sweeney, John Tapley, Maggie Taylor, Jennifer West, Jennifer Shaw
- Approve minutes of last meeting
  - The minutes were approved as distributed.

#### Reports:

- Administration (3 voting members)
- Principal – *Judy McNeill*
  - Walton earned recognition at the Georgia Tech Science InVenture Challenge for the third year in a row. Two teams competed this year at the state level on March 14. Team Hydraptor won first place in the state and sponsor Ann Baxley won the top teacher award. The Hydraptor team now advances to the National Invention Convention, May 31 to June 1, in Dearborn, Michigan.
  - The Science Olympiad Team placed in the top five in regionals and has qualified for state.
  - Eight senior math students earned CLEP credit at Kennesaw State. This is double the number of students who earned credit last year. Walton is the only school in the state of Georgia that offers this opportunity to students.
  - The Robotics Team won the State Competition Chairman’s Award. This is the most prestigious award of the competition; criteria for the award include community outreach activities and the quality of the team’s business model.
  - Writers’ Night will be held Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. Eleven students will be reading original works of prose and poetry. Georgia author Marsha Cornelius will speak at this event.
  - Walton will follow an A/B schedule from April 30 to May 11 to accommodate EOC testing.
  - AP testing will run from May 7 to May 18.
  - Orchestra, band and chorus all earned superior ratings in their compulsory large group performance competitions.
  - The Band Concert in the Park will be held in a few weeks.
  - Poetry and the Arts will be held in the Fine Arts Lobby April 19. This event is a cross-curricular collaboration featuring art by Ms. Petka’s students and poetry by Mr. Fleenor’s students compiled in a booklet by Mr. Campagna’s graphic arts students.
  - The Drama Senior Showcase will be performed this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Walton Drama has been nominated for five Shuler Awards.
  - Every Walton spring sports team is ranked in the top 10 in Georgia.
  - Walton’s baseball team members were complimented on their character by the umpires while participating in a tournament in North Carolina.
  - Tennis regionals begin tomorrow.
- Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
  - AP Exams will be administered May 7 – May 18. Students will report at 7:30 a.m. for the morning exam and at 11:30 a.m. for the afternoon exam. Students will be notified of exam locations by their AP teachers. This year most exams will be administered on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Remember that the College Board has very strict rules regarding exam security: No cell phones, book bags, or purses are allowed. Students are encouraged to get plenty of sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, bring #2 pencils, blue or black ink pens and arrive on time.
- Non-certified Staff Delegate – Position Open
  - No report.

- Department Representatives (9 voting members)

- Career Tech – *Lori Foltz*
  - No report.
- English/ESOL - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
  - Writers’ Night is tomorrow, April 11. All are welcome.
- Math - *Jennifer West*
  - Walton’s Junior Varsity and Varsity Math Teams took first place in the Cobb County Math Tournament. They have been invited to participate at the state level on April 28.
  - Two students will be representing Walton in math at the Governor’s Honor Program.
  - Walton is sending two teams to compete in the Columbia University Math Tournament this Friday. Last year Walton placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in New York City and 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
  - The Math Summer Camp scheduled for the first week of June will feature puzzles and logic. It is open to students in grades 4 – 8.
  - Laura Speer has been named Walton’s Teacher of the Year for 2018-19.
- Media/Guidance - *Anne Carlson*

Guidance –

  - Guidance counselors are wrapping up the last remaining advisement sessions. They have completed the Bridge Bill for all students. A number of seniors took advantage of spring break to visit colleges as “accepted students.” Other seniors are experiencing the “good dilemma” of choosing which college acceptance to accept. Scholarship awards are starting to come in.

Information Center –

  - The information center now has a full laptop cart for teacher checkout. It can be reserved through Outlook. Walton will soon have three additional iPad carts for a total of six. These will also be reserved through Outlook. The iPad carts will be located in various department offices for easier access.
  - The information center has purchased additional die cuts and Cricut supplies. These are located in the teacher production room.
  - The student collaboration room will soon be outfitted with additional tables and chairs. We have also added ten laptops to this room, bringing the total number of computers available in this space to fourteen.
- PE/Fine Arts - *Maggie Taylor*
  - Walton’s Women’s Concert Choir was honored to perform “What the World Needs Now” Saturday, March 31 at Grace Bunke’s celebration of life. They will also perform at her memorial service on April 14.
  - AP English Lit, Visual Art, and Graphic Arts are hosting a school wide event, “Our Wonderful World,” on April 19, 5-7 p.m., in the rotunda. Books showcasing original student art and poetry will be sold at the event. All money will be donated to Swim Across America in loving memory of Grace. The Principal’s Leadership Committee will help with the sales.
  - Kaiya Plagenhoef’s artwork was accepted into the Dogwood Festival; Nitya Tak and Longna Liu’s works made it into the Eleventh Annual Judy Greenberg High School Senior Scholarship Exhibition.
  - The chorus will perform at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church on April 24 starting at 7:30 p.m. This is an all pop song event.
- Science - *Pat Harvey*
  - Science teachers are waiting to find out where they will be relocated for AP exams. This information is forthcoming.
  - Walton’s Protein Modeling team participated in the Science Olympiad Protein Modeling Event, sponsored by the Milwaukee School of Engineering, for the fifth consecutive year. This year two of Walton’s three teams were invited to attend the American Society for Investigative Pathology’s Scientific Interest Group poster discussion.
- Social Studies - *Christine Gordon*
  - AP exam review sessions for one-semester courses will be beginning soon.
- Special Education - *Katie Bustle*
  - No report.

- World Languages/Gifted - *Rachel Baker*
  - Three World Language students will be representing Walton at the Governor's Honors Program this summer at Berry College: Viviana Lu and Neeraj Raja for Latin and Amanda Banh for Spanish (ISA).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Committee Facilitators Reports (non-voting members)</li> </ul>
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- Curriculum and Instruction - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
  - No report.
- Attendance and Discipline - *Christy Lewis & Beth Plotkin*
  - The committee talked about the difficulties of keeping up with field trip absences when a long list of students is sent out via email. Perhaps if/when teachers move to taking attendance every period on Synergy, field trip absences can be pre-entered into the system, making it easier to see an excused field trip absence.
  - The committee also discussed the importance of taking accurate attendance.
- Facilities - *Lori LaVoy & Sheila Sell*
  - No report.
- Goals and Assessment - *Jennifer West*
  - No report.
- Professional Learning - *Tobi Hendricks & Matt Staruch*
  - No report.
- Staff Enhancement - *Roberta Manheim & Jasenda League*
  - The Staff Enhancement committee is organizing student note writing for Teacher Appreciation and is also working on the retirement celebration luncheon in May.
- Student Climate - *Olympia Diaz*
  - No report.
- Technology - *Donna Blankenbecler & Anna Stanton*
  - No report.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students (2 voting members) Seniors: Lara Bassil &amp; Lauren McConnell Juniors: Alternating Reps</li> </ul>
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- Students are preparing for AP exams; seniors are choosing colleges and excited to be graduating soon.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PTSA (3 voting members) – Irene Barton, Dawn Quinn, John Tapley</li> </ul>
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- The PTSA general meeting is scheduled for April 16; the agenda includes voting for new officers for the upcoming year. The nominating committee has identified candidates for each position.
- Raider Pride scholarships will be announced at Honors Night on April 16; two \$1,000 awards will be given, one for a senior boy and one for a senior girl.
- The Career Fair will be held on April 18 during WEB outside the info center and in the lecture hall; 40 coaches will be on hand for one-on-one and small group career discussions.
- The summer reading book fair will be held April 24-26.
- QBE has been fully restored for next year. CCSD will receive an additional \$10 million. Past austerity cuts cost CCSD \$600 million.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilities Foundation ( 2 voting members ) – Neysa Lee, Angela Strickland</li> </ul>
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- The Foundation has raised \$193,000 this year, enough to fund four part-time teachers. The money will also be used for the Walton Garden and other projects.
- The Foundation Auction netted \$30,000.
- The Foundation will be awarding a \$500 leadership scholarship to a member of the Student Leadership Council.

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

- Scott Sweeney said the board will meet regarding the budget next week. He discussed issues related to the tax digest, senior exemption, residential vs. commercial development, and area annexation as they impact the budget in both the short and long term.
- Mr. Sweeney encouraged committee member to visit the newly renovated Sewell Mill Public Library and take advantage of the many resources available there.

- Old Business

- None

- New Business

- None

- Motion to Adjourn

- By Tamara Hollingsworth; seconded by Teresa Casey

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~~