

WGC Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2018

Welcome & Call to Order

- Role Assignments
 - Time Keeper – Jennifer West
 - Start – 3:40 p.m.
- Introductions – none
- Attending – Rachel Baker, Irene Barton, Lara Bassil, Donna Blankenbecler, Katie Bustle, Anne Carlson, Teresa Casey, Pat Harvey, Tobie Hendricks, Tamara Hollingsworth, Lori LaVoy, Jasenda League, Neysa Lee, Tina Link, Liz Manguno, Roberta Manheim, Judy McNeill, Suzanne Schott, Angela Strickland, Scott Sweeney, John Tapley, Maggie Taylor, Jennifer West
- Approve minutes of last meeting
 - The minutes were approved as amended.

Reports:

- Administration (3 voting members)
 - Principal – *Judy McNeill*
 - Testing: The alternate A/B schedule began Monday. It is challenging but workable.
 - Exemption forms will be signed Thursday, May 17 instead of Friday, May 18 due to the testing schedule which runs through the 18th.
 - Graduation is Tuesday, May 22; the school year ends for staff May 25, before Memorial Day.
 - The Fine Arts Department has wrapped up all of its performances for the year.
 - Sports are winding down; however, Boys/Girls soccer, Girls lacrosse and Boys/Girls tennis are still competing.
 - Administrative Delegate- *Suzanne Schott*
 - It is testing season! EOC testing has begun and AP Exams will be administered from May 7-18. EOC and AP exams overlap the week of May 14-18.
 - Non-certified Staff Delegate – Position Open
 - No report.

- Department Representatives (9 voting members)

- Career Tech – *Lori Foltz*
 - No report.
- English/ESOL - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
 - The yearbook came out last week. It is a stellar production.
- Math - *Jennifer West*
 - Summer Math Camp, June 4-7 – Register at <https://www.waltonmathteam.com/summer-camp>. The camp is for rising 4th-8th graders. Openings are still available. STEM students assist with this camp.
 - State Math tournament – Walton took 2nd place at the tournament last weekend. All of our competitors were invited to be on the state American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) team. This team will represent Georgia at the National tournament in June and possibly the international tournament, depending on placement at nationals.
 - Cobb County results – Varsity and JV both took 1st place in the county. For individuals, Walton had the 2nd and 3rd place finishers for both Varsity and JV. This ranking is based on all student in the county.
 - National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) conference – Walton was represented and pictures of the STEM garden were included in one of the presentations.
- Media/Guidance - *Anne Carlson*
 - Guidance –
 - Counselors are wrapping up their work assisting seniors with the transition to post-secondary options. They are asking all students to complete a survey in Naviance that includes identifying where they will be attending college. This will help the guidance department collect the most accurate data possible. Students' final transcript will be sent to the college listed in Naviance.

Information Center –

- The Information Center will be hosting its sixth annual Beach Book Giveaway May 14 – 23. They will continue to accept book donations throughout the event. Students, staff and visitors are welcome to take a book or two to keep during the Giveaway.
- PE/Fine Arts - *Maggie Taylor*
 - Teachers are making plans for this year’s banquets and next year’s programs.
 - Taste of East Cobb is this Saturday, May 5 at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church. This is a major band fundraiser. This year there will be a Friends of Mike Back tent.
 - Walton’s a cappella students will be performing at Maggie Taylor’s wedding later this month.
- Science - *Pat Harvey*
 - Three teams presented models and posters at the Annual Experimental Biology Conference in San Diego. One team was invited to attend the American Society for Investigative Pathology’s Scientific Interest Group poster discussion. One student was offered two internships as a result of her participation in this event, including one to UMass.
 - The first STEM graduating class held its banquet last Friday, April 27. Students were presented with their stoles. STEM students have been awarded over one million dollars in scholarships.
 - The science department is offering five STEM camps this summer: Science Camp, Puzzle Camp, Robotics Camp, Forensics Camp, and Coding Camp.
- Social Studies - *Christine Gordon*
 - No report.
- Special Education - *Katie Bustle*
 - Special Ed is getting a Visually Impaired (VI) unit and a Moderate Intellectual Disability (MOID) unit next year.
- World Languages/Gifted - *Rachel Baker*
 - The International Spanish Academy (ISA) Class of 2018 held its beautiful banquet on Sunday, April 29 at the Atlanta Country Club. This is the sixth ISA class to graduate.

● Committee Facilitators Reports (non-voting members)

- Curriculum and Instruction - *Tamara Hollingsworth*
 - The committee discussed the Charter Renewal interview scheduled for April 30.
- 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*
 - No report.
- Staff Enhancement - *Roberta Manheim & Jasenda League*
 - The committee is planning the end-of-year retirement celebration/service recognition luncheon to be held at noon on Thursday, May 24. This year’s luncheon will feature a cookout and covered dish.
 - Students are writing teacher appreciation letters. The yearbook staff will sort and distribute the letters the last week of school.
- Student Climate - *Olympia Diaz*
 - No report.
- Technology - *Donna Blankenbecler & Anna Stanton*

- No report.

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

- Students are studying for AP exams and final exams.

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

- In a continuation of community outreach activities, PTSA is conducting two Walton 101 sessions for incoming freshmen parents.
- \$1,000 Raider Pride scholarships were awarded to Melody Wang and Mason Pisciotta.
- New members were elected to the Executive Committee for the 2018-19 school year. They are
 - o Robin Perry, co-President
 - o Natalie Collins, VP Volunteer Services
 - o Vicky Zambrano, VP Programs and Events
 - o Dawn Quinn, VP Communications
 - o Leslie O'Brien, Treasury
- The Senior Picnic held last week was a success: great weather, fun activities, full participation and many smiling faces.
- The Career Fair was April 18. Forty-five professionals attended. The event featured a skype session with Walton Alumni Ana Vasudevan (Class of 2011) who is currently working at the U. N. in Geneva, Switzerland. Seven other recent Walton alumni attended along with one graduate of Walton's first class in 1977. Over 300 informational interviews were conducted.
- The Senior Night of Inspiration will be May 21. It's a great event and all parents and Walton faculty are welcome to attend.

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

- The Foundation is wrapping up a successful capital campaign and auction. It plans to fund four part-time teachers for 2018-2019.
- A WHS Walton Gardens chair and committee were created to support the Garden projects.
- A \$500 Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Sajan Patel.
- Applications for the 2018/2019 Student Leadership Council will be accepted until May 16.
- The Foundation is working to enhance the use of Naviance. Rising seniors will be completing a strengths assessment survey on Naviance as part of the English Department's summer reading requirements. Students will also complete a guidance packet that incorporates information they gain from the results of their strengths assessment.

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

- Scott Sweeney reporting.
- The CCSD Board unanimously voted to proceed with Phase 2 of the Walton rebuild. The scheduled completion date is November 2019.
- With the governor's planned restoration of austerity cuts, Mr. Ragsdale has proposed a 1.1% teacher raise in addition to a one-time bonus.
- There is no cushion in the county's budget, so an economic downturn would prove challenging. Salary increases are a recurring expense and with no assurance the digest will grow, a downturn would mean pay cuts or reductions in force. Currently, tax exemptions are growing faster than the digest.
- Rewriting the QBE formula may not be favorable to Cobb County given the number of smaller districts vying for funds.

- Old Business

- No old business.

- New Business

- No new business.

- Motion to Adjourn

- By Tamara Hollingsworth; seconded by Maggie Taylor

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~~