

WW Board Meeting Notes

March 15, 2017

Present: Chip Davis, Gary Allen, Ken Godwin, Meredith Rogers, Kristi Worsham, Lanair Worsham, Jr., Lanair Worsham, Sr., Tonya McDaniel, Susan Glass, Rick Waters, Dean Daniels, Ross Worsham, Greg Shiver, Laura Beth Tucker, David Cooper

Absent: Trey Godwin

Laura Beth Tucker called the meeting to order and Rick Waters opened with prayer. LB thanked Betty Shiver coming to the board meeting.

Chip Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from last month with a second from Lanair Sr. Motion passed.

Headmaster Report: Ross Worsham

- Registration: As of Friday 3/10/17, 278 enrolled. 40 current students not registered yet (almost all of those were late registering last year)
- Several new students have tested; others scheduling visits.
- Spanish/Computer clarifications
- Students with accommodations in high school
- Prom – Gin Creek on Sat 3/25
- Elementary and Middle School testing – Tuesday, April 11th
- School Improvement Plan – coming together

Chairman Report: Laura Beth Tucker

- GOAL update: \$318,000 due on March 11
- Grant received for \$50,000 for new roof and security system Total grants received this academic year to date = \$190,250
- All Board members owe \$20 each to pay for Grandparents' lunch on day of auction.

Financial: Meredith Rogers

- GOAL checks were due by March 11th, and 100% of our supporters paid! Thank you to everyone for their support!
- Recommendations from Finance committee: Put building note and line of credit out for bid. The finance committee recommends that we go with the Bank of Camilla at lowest interest rate. Much appreciation noted for years of support, service and contributions to WW by P&C Bank.
- Motion to approve the loan to go with Bank of Camilla from the Finance Committee with a second from Kristi Worsham---some board members had a conflict of interest thus abstained from voting: 8 yes, no opposition. Motion carries.

Building/Grounds: Lanair Jr.

- \$50,000 grant received for roof for the elementary building and for campus security. Need to start the work during the summer. 2 bids received. Committee recommended remove tin, repair insulation then put the roof back. They will also repair the gutters and the down spouts. Recommendation from the building committee to accept the low bid. Second: David-Motion passed.
- Tree removed from playground.

Athletics: Dean Daniels – No report

Fundraising: Chip Davis

- The Fun Run is this upcoming Friday. All board members are encouraged to sponsor a student if they do not have one participating. It is K-3 through 6th grades.
- To date, \$419,215 in capital donations for this school year. Several ideas for fundraisers submitted to committee but most are lots of work for little profit.

Recruitment/Retention: Greg Shiver-

- We have 288 registered as of 3/15/17. 35 present ones not registered yet, but Greg has talked with all families not registered. Almost all are planning to register soon. 22-25 definitely coming so we should be at 308. Numbers look good. Christy Ward organized successful Westwood K play day. Crafts and fun activities set up for the kids and families. Half of parents were alumni and half were new people. She did an excellent job, and we appreciate her efforts. Greg distributed a list of prospective students and families and asked the board to contact. Greg has called all the people not registered now.
- Ad in SWGA Living Magazine this month to promote Westwood.

Strategic Planning: Rick Waters

- SP Oversight Team formed – first meeting 3/20 to develop Annual Operating Plan and oversee implementation of SP

Boosters Club: Tonya McDaniel

- Basketball Concessions profit- \$3260
- Paid for Security personnel to travel with Basketball team to the Highland game and all Region and State playoff games.
- Basketball players, cheerleaders & coaches were given money for meals for all state playoff games.
- JJ Culp has already started working on the 2nd annual Wildcat Scramble is being planned it will be at Pinecrest Country Club.

Grandparents Club: Lanair Sr.

- The Grandparent's Auction was a huge success. The total amount of money raised was \$56,939. Thank you for all who donated, came, helped to run it, and spent money to support our school. The basketball seats alone brought in over \$8,000. It was suggested to look at the other areas in the gym to see if they can be utilized in this fashion as well. Discussed need to encourage more young families to attend event, especially the silent auction.

PTO: Kristi Worsham

- Grandparents' Auction Supper – BBQ plates – Boston Butts cooked by parent volunteer, David Griner. Board expressed thanks to David.
- Planning Teacher Appreciation Week for May 1-5th

Parent Advisory Committee: David Cooper

- Ongoing – Policy Manual Review by PAC
- Reviewing software options for alumni development
- Reviewing email newsletter options
- Reviewing on-line form and payment options

Old Business:

- Computer-Spanish recommendation: Ross appointed a sub-committee of Academic Committee to study this accommodation of Computer in lieu of Spanish for those students with specified and qualified learning disability. He advised this accommodation will be permitted only with approval by Headmaster, Psychologist and Curriculum Director. Parent will read/sign off on the agreement. Two approved electives will be selected by Curriculum Director. Board members with Conflict of interest did not participate in vote. **Recommendation from Headmaster. Dean gave a motion with second from Rick.** This is a procedural matter to be administered by staff and not policy amendment or part of school's consolidated policy manual. The administration, teachers, Fran Sheffield, Mrs. Grace Adkins, and Betty Shiver will be evaluating each group of students as they get to the high school level to determine how many, if any, in each group need to consider this option. It was noted by that if this procedure approval does not pass the board, Ross will continue to honor what was already committed to for this year.
- **Motion to take off the table and approve. 7 for and 1 oppose. Motion carries.**
- Recommended Class size. K-3 GA daycare law is a 1:15 ratio. Over 16 requires an aide. K-4 1:18 ratio. Anything over requires an aide. K-4 can qualify for GOAL, but not K-3 per State regulations. Much discussion about class size recommendation. **Recommendation: Ross will send out via email. We are tabling it.**
- Graduation with college prep diploma or certificate of attendance: Board agreed for administration to deal with this matter as accommodation, not one for amendment to school graduation requirement.

Betty Shiver: Curriculum Director

- Betty came to see if any board members had any curriculum questions for her. She mentioned a few things going on academically around the school along with the new testing we have in the elementary. She also touched briefly on MOWR issues. MOWR- lot of people not happy with it. We need to make sure all parents are aware of options and we give all the information needed before classes are chosen for AP, MOWR or On-line AP classes. Betty-call if any questions.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned

Board went into Executive Session