

WW Board Meeting Notes

May 17, 2017

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

Laura Beth Tucker called the meeting to order and LB opened with prayer. Recognized 2 new members-Christy Ward-new PTO Representative, Cader and Heather Cox are the new PTO Presidents. Thank you for everything Kristi Worsham has done as outgoing PTO President for the last few years. She has done an exceptional job, and we appreciate her! And, thank you to David Cooper who has also done a wonderful job as PTO Representative the past few years as well.

Chip Davis made the motion to approve the April minutes, with a second from Dean. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Headmaster Report: Ross Worsham

- Thank you to Kristi and David also! Great job.
- Enrollment 305. 17-19 on list who have not registered will be registering. 322-324 if add those numbers. New 6th grader visiting tomorrow.
- Academic Banquet last night. 30 seniors.
- Baccalaureate last night at First Baptist- all of our seniors attended. Well done. 100% participation. Thank you to First Baptist Church Camilla for hosting this special event honoring our graduates and their families.
- Very busy times ending the school year. Seniors last day tomorrow –Self-defense course for them. Police Department will be conducting this. Self-defense tactics. Ross will have pictures taken and get to Ginna. Thank you to our Camilla Police Department! Senior ride around 1:30 Friday with Senior slide show immediately following. Graduation practices next week.
- Graduation 26th @ 8:00pm at FBC Church in Camilla.
- Exciting news! Greg told Ross about a program Phoebe is offering- a full time on staff trainer who can be on location at the school from 8-3 every day and at all practices and games. Will need a room to keep items. We are so excited about the possibility of this becoming a reality and appreciate Phoebe for this opportunity.
- Staffing: Offered Dicksy Hinsley the Curriculum Director/Guidance Counselor position and she accepted. She will begin work on June 5th. Very excited! Certified and has experience. Westwood alumni-gifted certification in English. Ms. Betty will help get her on the right foot with curriculum. Jennifer will help get her set up as well on College Counseling duties.
- Elementary staff: K-3 we have 2 teachers for 21 in K-3. K-4- teacher with an aide (half day) at least 16 right now; K-5 Teacher with an aide (half-day).
- Schedule: 7th grade has 30 students so we are splitting 7th grade because of their size. We have some scheduling options to address.

- Testing results: ERB tests back-still in learning process. Lots of encouraging things. Very impressive scores. Teachers are currently setting up meetings with parents in the elementary building to go over end of the year testing and student progress.
- Field day was good.
- Quay Robinson signed a basketball scholarship today! Mendocino, California! We are very proud of him!
- Concern: to go to Academic Committee regarding low number of subject awards. Ross was asked to look in to this matter and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Chairman Report: Laura Beth Tucker

- 63 GOAL Applications Submitted (13 new); 17 Tuition Assistance applications submitted (8 new); 3 applications were incomplete and letters were mailed to those families to bring in tax returns before applications could be submitted to Tuition Assistance Committee
- Cara Summerlin from Communications Team completed article in Camilla Enterprise
- iPad lab in Elementary now operational with funding from ADM Grant, NHS and Boxtops.
- Applied for \$10,000 grant for Security/Safety measures

Academic Committee: Ross Worsham

- ERB Test results now available; parent/teacher conferences underway.

Financial: Meredith Rogers

- Email billing underway
- Prepared Quick Reference Guide for Staff on finance charges
- Sent out financials. GOAL- Finance committee is asking that we temporarily amend our rule to allow WW students who live in areas zoned to be in failing school jurisdictions, to be allowed to receive GOAL. If you are zoned in a failing public school, the one year rule will be waived for now to allow existing WW students to apply for GOAL. This will to be visited from year to year.

This is a motion from the finance committee: Rick seconds. Motion passes.

Building/Grounds: Lanair Jr.

- Senior parking signs to be coordinated for improved appearance in parking lot
- Working on new locks for the gym
- Elementary roof construction starts June 1st-on or before. Will finish by July 15th-45 days. We will be using the \$50,000 grant funds for this project.
- Freezer is working.

Athletics: Dean Daniels

- No report

Fundraising: Chip Davis

- Amazon Smiles: \$68.83 deposit for 1-1-17 to 3-31-17; promoting on BLOOMZ

- Met with SP Committee to discussed funding objectives of strategic plan
- Wants to know how much money is needed from each strategic plan subcommittee to fund their plan so the fundraising committee can help plan accordingly.

Recruitment/Retention: Greg Shiver-

- Continuing to contact prospects and those families not registered
- Placed “Register Now @ WW” signs near Hamilton, Shiver, Pelham, Newton, and Baconton.
- Mailed postcards to families not registered and left in last 3-5 years.

Strategic Planning: Rick Waters

- 5 goals divided up into 5 subcommittees. They are meeting to have action plans. They will meet in June to put the plan together.
 1. Goal 1: IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES THAT PROMOTE SUPPORTIVE LEADERSHIP – David Stargel, Chair
 2. Goal 2: CREATE AN ON-GOING PROCESS TO MAINTAIN A RIGOROUS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT – Ross Worsham, Chair
 3. Goal 3: DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MARKETING PLAN – David Cooper, Chair. Met 5/11/17. Discussed many great ideas; need to plan for resources for implementation; strategic planning process has helped to identify some really good young parents that are willing to help.
 4. Goal 4: MAINTAIN A PLAN FOR ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FUTURE – Donnie Palmer, Chair
 5. Goal 5: SECURE FUNDING TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS – Chip Davis, Chair: Met 5/2/17. Present: Susan Keigans, David Griner, Cader Cox IV, Lanair Worsham Sr., Paula Johnson and Chip Davis. Several ideas for fundraising were discussed including concerts, celebrity speakers, a reverse raffle, etc. The committee suggested that the other GOAL Committees share their plans and how much they believe will be needed annually to fund them. This should enable more focused discussions. There are possibly grants available specifically for items proposed by the other committees. It was also discussed that enrollment is obviously our major source of funding. There was discussion on ways to possibly retain and increase student enrollment.

Boosters Club: Tonya McDaniel

- No report.

Grandparents Club: Lanair Sr.

- No report.

PTO: Kristi Worsham

- Held successful Teacher Appreciation Week for May 1-5 and all seemed to enjoy the week
- PTO coordinated food and decorations for Academic Banquet 5/15/17
- Teacher birthday gifts for those having summer birthdays were purchased and delivered for Coach Ross to give out before end of the school year.
- Heather and Cader Cox-to serve as PTO President next school year
- ***Thank you Kristi for all you have done!!!!!!!***

Parent Advisory Committee: David Cooper

- PAC plans to meet with committee before end of school as an exit meeting
- Begin transition now for Christy Ward's term as PTO Rep and Chair of PAC
- ***Thank you David for all you have done!!!!!!!!!!***

Old Business:

- Lynette Harper did a fantastic job at the Art Show!!!!!!!!!! Many thanks to her for all she does. Please compliment her when you see her.

New Business:

- Nominating committee proposed names to replace board members rolling off.
- Chip made the motion with Lanair with a second to postpone the vote for Dean's position. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 4. The Nominating Committee needs re-convene to evaluate a few new items brought to their attention.
- We would like to welcome Steve Collins to come onto the board to take Rick Water's position. And, we would also like to welcome Chip Davis back to serve another 5 year term.
- Also, we voted on our new slate of officers for the 2017-2018 school year.
Chairman-Laura Beth Tucker, Vice Chairman-Lanair Worsham, Jr., and Secretary-Susan Glass

Many thanks to Rick and Dean for all their service for these many years. Both of these men love Westwood and have given their time and talents serving our school. We are better and stronger because of their service and dedication.

Thank you to both of you for all you have done for Westwood!!!

Meeting adjourned

No executive session