

WW Board Meeting Notes

February 15th, 2017

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

Laura Beth Tucker called the meeting to order and Chip opened with prayer.

Dean Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from last month with a second from Rick. Motion passed.

Headmaster Report: Ross Worsham (absent)-report submitted

- Registration underway; everyone should be promoting the school to recruit more students
- School security committee is in place. I have suggestions from them.
- Blough Tech is getting estimate for school-wide intercom system.
- Grandparents Day was a huge success; many positive comments
- Accommodation protocol: To be presented at March meeting
- Spanish/Computer Protocol: tabled and being tweaked
- Working on visitation day for prospective k-3 thru k-5 students with teachers
- Fundraising opportunity – possibility of parents/grandparents eating lunch in the WW Cafeteria once/week from 12:30–1:30. I am exploring and will present to Chip with details.
- Paige is assigned responsibility for updating web site.
- There is a possibility we will host the 1st round of state playoffs on Tuesday, 2/21

Chairman Report: Laura Beth Tucker-report submitted

- GOAL report 2017 : 97 supporters for \$645,000; after pro-rated \$318,000 (last year \$62,037)
- Thank you letters mailed to all GOAL supporters and posted to BLOOMZ
- Need to express support to Jay Powell for HB 217 to increase cap and maintaining \$1:\$1 tax credit
- Registration packets sent; Gary Allen provided guidance to staff (Rose, Paige & Ross) on recommendations for collections
- Press release sent on “Economic Impact of Westwood to Mitchell County”

Academic Committee – Ross Worsham

- Presented results of Teacher Climate Survey to Academic Committee; to share with all faculty
- Presented Ross’ recommendation of Spanish/Computer accommodation to committee
- Discussed SAT scores and MOWR

Financial: Meredith Rogers-report submitted

Athletics: Dean Daniels-No report

Building/Grounds: Lanair Jr.-report submitted

- Replaced front doors on high school building
- Obtained prices on possible future projects are (1) elementary roof, gutters, and down spouts replacement (2) parking lot curbing and paving (3) security camera system and potential door locking system

Fundraising: Chip Davis-report submitted

- Sheets to arrive soon – profit of \$8,000
- 1st Quarter – Amazon Smiles \$58.91 deposit to WW
- Lunchroom/Fundraiser idea. They are considering the possibility of our lunchroom providing meals for parents/grandparents, alumni during the school day for a possible fundraiser. His committee will look at the idea and will bring to the board if there is some interest.

Recruitment/Retention/Publicity: Greg Shiver-report submitted

- Planning “Wildcat for a Day” for K-3, K4, K5 – Christy Ward, Chair
- Met with Elementary School teachers to discuss recruitment/retention
- Compiling a list of prospects – need input from Board
- Committee beginning to call prospects
- Ad in SWGA Living Magazine
- Scheduling Open House date for spring on March 12

Strategic Planning: Rick Waters-report submitted

- Rick provided handout to Board of final of Strategic Plan; released on PTO night on Feb 6
- SP Oversight Team to be appointed to develop Annual Operating Plan and oversee implementation

Boosters Club: Tonya McDaniel-report submitted

Grandparents Club: Lanair Sr.

- Grandparent Day – Feb 3 – well attended; received \$2,900 in donations that day
- Auction - March 11 – all Board members need to help promote and also attend

PTO: Kristi Worsham-report submitted

- Held workday 1/28/17
- Served breakfast at Grandparent day 2/3/17
- Held PTO night 2/6/17
- Working with teachers on requests for playground equipment needs

Parent Advisory Committee: David Cooper-report submitted

- Ongoing – Policy Manual Review by PAC
- Provided review of tuition table before releasing to parents with registration packets.
- Discussed ADM grant; parents are very excited about the new iPads and the curriculum potential for these devices in the elementary.

- Discussed the grant pending for roof work and security. The PAC thinks that the correct security items are specified in the grant. There are still logistics to resolve regarding locking the front door of the high school during school hours but nothing that is insurmountable.
- Discussed parking lot appearance. Everyone understands that paving is cost prohibitive (\$250,000 - \$300,000), but everyone also agrees that something should be done to improve the aesthetics of the parking lot and front campus. PAC will continue to discuss and make recommendations.
- Discussed GOAL scholarship program at length. The PAC is generally in favor of the proposed changes as to how the program will be handled in future (i.e. school providing more guidance to the GOAL committee on which grades have need for enrollment). Everyone agreed that more explanation is needed to continue to explain the GOAL program to Westwood families and friends to eliminate any confusion regarding the program that still exists.
- Discussed briefly the recognition of GOAL supporters on social media. Everyone feels it is a good thing to do but simply cautioned that we may have hurt feelings.
- PAC encouraged the Board and staff to continue to communicate with other schools to find out how they are addressing some of these same issues (security, GOAL, etc.).

Old Business:

- Will be postponed until Ross is back next month. We need to approve the Spanish/Computer proposal along with the recommended class size proposal.

New Business:

- Request from Vicki Davis with a recommendation from Ross for Vicki to be allowed to take a group of students to the Ed-Tech conference in Dubai, U.A.E. this upcoming November 11-15th, 2017. The students chosen will miss approximately 3-4 school days. High school students interested will submit an application and a total of 8 students will be chosen to attend: 4 speakers and 4 student reporters.
Chip Davis made the motion to allow our students to attend the conference with a second from Dean Daniels. The motion passed.
- GISA conference in February-see if anyone wants to attend.
- We may host the first round of varsity girls state basketball playoffs.
- Ross will be bringing to the board a recommendation on graduation requirements for students who have been long time students at Westwood but may not be able to pass the rigorous college prep courses.
- Chip mentioned as a point of information that 50 students did not qualify to earn their magazine day from the magazine fundraiser. Discussion was held about making sure the students who attend are properly supervised.
- Lanair Sr., brought to the board's attention a concern he heard about inappropriate music being played at the 5th-8th dance. The issue had already been addressed.
- The board decided to ask Ross to evaluate the movies and music being shown to our students at all the grade levels. Is what being shown/played appropriate for our students?

Meeting adjourned