

WW Board of Trustees Meeting Notes February 21, 2018

Present: Laura Beth Tucker, Christy Ward, Greg Shiver, Lanair Worsham Sr., Susan Kiegans, Tonya McDaniel, Gary Allen, Cader Cox IV, Heather Cox, Susan Glass, Steve Collins, Meredith Rogers, Courtney Rubendall, Lanair Worsham Jr., Dicksy Hinesley, Ken Godwin

Absent: Ross Worsham, David Cooper, Chip Davis (due to Boy's Basketball Game)

Laura Beth called meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Tonya McDaniel made the motion to approve the Jan. minutes, second from Susan Kiegans. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Headmaster Report – Ross Worsham (absent)

- Interviewed strong candidate for upper level Science classes
- Interviewing 2 elementary school candidates this week
- Registration is underway
- 4th Grade Space Camp went well
- Fences and gates have been repaired
- Grandparents Day was great.
- Teacher contracts issued.
- Safety committee doing research and pursuing consultants (Chief Johnny Hendricks) to assist with both education on hazards of “vaping” and implementation of additional campus security improvements.

Chairman's Report – Laura Beth Tucker

- Applied for STEM grant for \$40,000 in February
- Search Committee has met several times and interviewed 3 candidates
- Requested Chief Hendricks to have security experts provide assessment of campus with recommendations

Curriculum Director-Dicksy Hinesley

- STEM night March 8th 6-7:30. We are officially partnered with GYSTC, Tammy Nowell, their representative, will be bringing 18 activity kits. Volunteers will facilitate activities. WW families only, \$3.00 admission.
- Appointing a STEM teacher representative soon.
- Receiving several applications for new teachers.

Annual Campaign – Lanair Jr:

- Donations continue to come in for annual fund; Note balance is now \$22,000.

Academic Committee – Susan Glass:

- SAT/ACT: Tues., Feb 27th, 2018- Westwood will be offering the ACT. 31 attendees
- Dual Enrollment: Re-evaluate the program this summer to see if any changes are in order.
- Teacher interviews are underway for hires for next year. Dicksy is working on scheduling for next year from elementary up to high school.
- Academic Committee provided details for STEM grant for middle school
- STEM night planned with Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center for March 8th, 2018 for 3rd-8th grades.

Alumni Committee – Susan Keigans

- Continue to collect email addresses and contacts of alumni
- Promoting Auction on Facebook page for Alumni

Athletic Committee/Booster Club – Tonya McDaniel

- Girls Basketball won region championship; next round of playoff at home on 2/20/18

Building / Grounds – Lanair Worsham, Jr.:

- Roof repairs made
- New LED lights installed in courtyard
- Obtained additional camera quotes for expanding certain areas
- Discussing fencing to improve security

Finance/Fundraising/GOAL – Chip Davis (absent)

- Finance report attached
- Amazon Smile last quarter report \$183. Continue to promote to families to sign up.

Recruitment/Retention – Greg Shiver

- Committee to meet Monday, Feb 19th to plan Open House for March 4
- Time to Register signs going up this week
- Board members are assigned to make calls this week to parents, committee to review comments at meeting
- Committee is developing strategy for contacting parents not enrolled or undecided to emphasize strong academic program and high SAT scores at WW.

Grandparents - Lanair Sr.

- \$1,559 collected in donations on Grandparents Day – good crowd attending
- Auction on March 10th – need help promoting attendance
- Disney raffle ticket sales are underway

PTO – Heather & Cader Cox

- PTO campus workday was held on January 27th. Thank you to all the parents who came and helped spruce up the school.
- Hosted a “Souper” Bowl luncheon for the teachers on Friday, February 3rd for Westwood teachers and staff
- Hosted breakfast for the Grandparents on February 9th
- Month teacher treat- Heart Shapes donuts on Valentine’s Day for teachers and staff.
- February Teacher Birthdays
- Working on plans for the upcoming Westwood Auction Supper, March 10th
- Beginning to work on a new Teacher Appreciation Week tentatively set for week before Spring Break. Luncheon will still be held on nationally recognized teacher appreciation week/day.

PTO Parent Representative:

- Planning K Play Day for March 4. 2-4pm.
- Assisted Heather Cox in providing the “Souper Lunch” for teachers.
- Worked with Courtney Rubendall to create the Westwood Accomplishments List for Fall 2017.
- Workday
- Working with Grandparents Club to publicize upcoming Auction.
- Assisted with updating photographs for an ad in Southwest Georgia Living Magazine.
- Helped Heather Cox in providing refreshments for Grandparents Day.

Parent Advisory Committee:

- Meeting on Sunday, 2/25

Strategic Planning – David Cooper (absent)

- Operational plan for implementation now prepared and sent to all Chairs.

Personnel Committee – Meredith Rogers

Approved list of teacher contracts as submitted by Headmaster.

NEW BUSINESS

Search Committee for Headmaster – Update:

- There was a total of 17 applicants. The committee decided on top 10, then made further reductions to 6, then 3. From the finalist (3 candidates), 1 was chosen **unanimously** by the committee and brought before the Board.
- Recommendation from the Search Committee to offer contract and hire Mr. Kevin Cloud as Westwood Schools Headmaster. Second made by Susan Kiegans. Motion passed **unanimously**.
- Per Chairman Tucker, Mr. Cloud has accepted the position as Headmaster pending tonight's Board's approval. He will be notified tonight following the meeting. Faculty and students will be advised tomorrow morning prior to Bloomz post to parents and press release to media.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Rubendall