

WW Board of Trustees Meeting Notes March 21, 2018

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

Absent: Susan Glass

Laura Beth called meeting to order, and Ross opened with prayer.

Susan Kiegans made the motion to approve the minutes, second from Gary Allen. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Headmaster Report – Ross Worsham

- Thank You to the Grandparents Club for a huge success with the auction!
- Fun Run totals should be around \$28,000. Thanks to Suzanne, Melissa, and Taylor for their hard work!
- Prom is this weekend at the Depot. Ring Ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Health Department officials led assembly Tuesday, April 20th about negative health effects of Vaping and Juuling.
- Working on narrowing down Middle School applicants and making offers to fit Middle School concept.
- Our Literary team won State, thank you to Azalee and Lynette for all of their hard work.
- Contracts will be provided to all Coaches not on staff.

Chairman's Report – Laura Beth Tucker

- Thank you to **Kristi Worsham** for coordinating Breakfast and Lunch for Kevin Cloud's first visit on March 5th and Grandparents' Lunch on March 10th
- See attached report of funds raised by Board over last 2 years. We are nearing **\$1.5 million** so let's make that our target.
- Contract signed with Kevin Cloud for June 1st start date as Headmaster.

Curriculum-Dicksy Hinesley

- STEM night was a SUCCESS! Raised \$364.00. Thank you to all of our volunteers.
- MOWR-SAT/ACT will have to be taken before enrolling in courses at both Bainbridge and ABAC. Students will be notified, and information will go on BLOOMZ.
- SAT-can WW host the SAT? This query will be placed before our academic committee.

Annual Campaign – Lanair Jr:

- Note balance is now \$0. – Thank you to Lanair Jr and Lanair Sr for their organization of the Annual Campaign. But, we need to continue to raise funds since our tuition ONLY pays a portion of payroll costs. Fundraising is necessary to keep tuition low as possible. Remember the actual cost to educate a child at WW is over \$7500/year, but donations and fundraisers provide the difference.

Academic Committee – Susan Glass:

- The academic committee will be meeting in 2 weeks. This month, our committee fed the students who took the ACT at Westwood. We plan on making this an annual occurrence. We fed close to 40 students. Thank you to Fran Sheffield and Dicksy Hinesley for doing the paperwork to allow the ACT to be given at Westwood. Thank you also to Kristi Worsham and Courtney Rubendall for serving the students that morning.
- In addition, the academic committee assisted Dicksy Hinesley with Westwood's first ever STEM night. Kristi Worsham was in charge of obtaining all the volunteers necessary to run the tables. Thank you Kristi! We also coordinated with the PAC committee to help make this event a success.

Alumni Committee – Susan Keigans

- No Report

Athletic Committee/Booster Club – Tonya McDaniel

- Sponsored meals for basketball team for region and state playoffs
- Sponsored meals for cheerleaders for region and state playoffs
- Athletic committee interviewed 9 candidates for football coach position (25 applicants)
- Basketball and cheerleading awards for athletic assembly

Building / Grounds – Lanair Worsham, Jr.:

- Obtaining estimates for fencing and door options to improve security

Finance/Fundraising/GOAL – Chip Davis

- Finance report attached

Recruitment/Retention – Greg Shiver

- Open house not well attended for several years; will discuss with Mr. Cloud on how we could make this a better event.
- Committee has met, and calls to families have been positive. We have 3 prospective families we are working with now. If anybody has a lead on a family who might be interested in Westwood, please let us know and we will set up a tour.

Grandparents - Lanair Sr.

- Auction – record-breaking year for this annual fundraiser

Quote sent to Lanair from Kevin Cloud....*"It was a great opportunity to begin to meet the Westwood family but more importantly is was a great, record-breaking night for the school. The Grandparent's Club did an outstanding job of putting on the event and the response and support in the hall was tremendous. It was a great night to be a Westwood Wildcat!"*

PTO – Heather & Cader Cox

- Planned and prepared a BBQ Supper for the Westwood Auction. Served approximately 200 plates.
- Planning Westwood's teacher appreciation week to be held March 26-30
- Assisted Christy Ward with K-Grades Play Date
- Assisted Boston Butt Committee with new playground equipment purchase for upcoming school year
- Received quotes for installing two shade structures for both elementary playgrounds to be installed for upcoming school year with PTO funds

PTO Parent Representative:

- Auction-continued to promote the auction
- Butterfly Garden-have received \$450 from local garden clubs. Plans to plant around Easter or shortly after.
- K Play Day-organized K Play Day. Well attended. Will begin making contacts with the families who attended but have yet to register. Big THANKS to Ashley Griner, LeAnn Griner, Katie Jo Dixon, and Heather Cox for helping to make this event successful!!
- Continued to work with Greg Shiver and the Retention and Recruitment Committee.

Parent Advisory Committee:

- Auction- March 10
 - PAC members are urged to attend and promote this fundraising event for our school
 - Discussed **misconceptions** of auction to include:
 - Event was for Grandparents only
 - Lack of communication with HS parents (hopefully addressed by Bloomz, FB)
 - Logistics for families with young children-Free babysitting being offered for both silent and live auction
 - New Headmaster will be in attendance!!
- STEM Night-March 8
 - PAC will provide snacks and volunteers for this event
- Headmaster-Kevin Cloud will begin job June 1
 - PAC agreed to support and fully back Kevin.
 - PAC recommends the new headmaster begin to identify leaders in the staff to train future administrators
 - PAC recommends an emphasis on professional learning should be continued.

- Safety
 - PAC recommends continued use of available funds to improve safety of school campus.

Strategic Planning – David Cooper

- Operational Plan submitted to Finance/Fundraising Committee; meeting this Thursday.

Personnel Committee – Meredith Rogers

- Met with Headmaster on personnel changes for 18-19 school year for approval by Personnel Committee

Legislative Update – LB Tucker

AGGREGATE CAP INCREASE; HB 217. GISA remains very optimistic that the overall Qualified Education Expense Tax Credit **aggregate cap will be substantially raised from \$58 million to \$100 million.** Need to contact Jay Powell to ask him to not support the “sunset” clause that returns the level back to \$58 million in 5 years.

SENATE PASSES SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN LEGISLATION INSURING BETTER COORDINATION WITH GEMA AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCIES

A bill sponsored by Sen. Horcena Tate (D-Atlanta) that requires both public and **private schools to conduct regular drills on safety plans under the guidance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Homeland Security Agency passed the Senate by a vote of 48-2.** Given the overarching concerns for the safety of our students, GISA fully supports this measure and has pledged to continue to work with the author and our public school counterparts as we seek to further best practices to prepare our schools for potential safety threats going forward.

New Business

Recommendation from the Football Coach Search Committee to hire Jimbo Hale as Head Football Coach and Athletic Director. Ross has offered a contract to Coach Hale.

Nominating Committee-charged with nominating BOT officers and committees/chairs. Susan Keigans, David Cooper, Tonya McDaniel, and Steve Collins have been appointed to this committee.

PTO Representative Election-Paige to post on BLOOMZ in April. Families will be asked to submit nominations and the top 2 candidates will be placed on ballot. Information about top 2 candidates will be dispersed schoolwide via BLOOMZ. Votes will be submitted to Paige.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Rubendall