

WW Board of Trustees Meeting Notes
September 23, 2020

Present: Kevin Cloud, Christy Ward, Lanair Worsham Sr., Steve Collins, Courtney Rubendall, Lanair Worsham Jr., Susan Glass, Dicksy Hinesley, Chip Davis, Heather Lanier, Harrell Rackley, Cader Cox IV, Lezlie Hay, Chris Nurmi

Absent: Kelley Smith, Laura Beth Tucker

Lanair Worsham Jr. called meeting to order and Susan Glass opened with prayer.

Cader Cox IV made the motion to approve the minutes, second made by Christy Ward, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Headmaster Report – Kevin Cloud

- Condolences to Pam Dean and her family for the recent loss of her father.
- Aside from Covid-19 related issues, we have had a good start to our school year. As of right now, this very moment, no one has tested positive and no one is currently quarantined.
- Fall athletics are in full swing and competing well.
- The new Fall Fundraiser seems to have been received well.
- Good group of students attended “Meet you at the Pole” held Wednesday September 23rd 7:30.
- We have moved our Fall Sports Senior night up to October 2nd.
- Homecoming – game is scheduled but decisions will soon be made concerning other activities.
- The health department will be on campus on Oct. 5th for flu shots for Faculty and Students.
- Our Google Classroom trainer, Leeann Nesmith, will be back on campus to work with teachers next Wednesday and will conduct another in-service day with teachers on Oct. 9. Fall break for students will be Oct. 9 -12.
- We will give the PSAT here on campus on October 14th. This is for 10th and 11th grades.
- We have submitted paperwork to our insurance adjustor relative to the Music Trailer. We have not been contacted by them yet.
- CARES ACT – applied for and awarded, however current lawsuit between Department of Education and 4/5 other states has upheld both private and Christian based schools (non-public) from receiving those funds.

Curriculum Director – Dicksy Hinesley

- DE – going well, a few glitches were encountered, but quickly dealt/fixed by responsible external DE partner.
- Transcripts already being requested/sent out
- Senior meeting held with both student/parent on 9/17. Meeting was lengthy, but important information concerning transcripts, scholarships, GPA, GA Futures, etc. provided.
- Junior meeting held 9/21
- Freshman meeting to be held on 9/24/20
- Seniors interested in UGA attended ZOOM meeting with Jay Menez 9/21
- FAFSA meetings scheduled for both October & January

Chairman's Report – Lanair Worsham

- Thanks to administration and staff for quick Covid-19 response to positive tests with students.
- Commend students for taking Covid-19 seriously and doing their best to stay in school.

Trustees Committee - Susan Glass

- Considering names of potential board members to replace Courtney Rubendall who is rolling off the board in December. We will also have to appoint a new secretary. We have a list of strong candidates to consider. The point was made that we do have a growing number of Colquitt county families so we need to look at this new group of parents as well.
- We would like to bring a past board member to talk to the board during the October board meeting. We would anticipate he/she would talk for approximately 10-15 minutes and then answer some questions. We started our list of names, and are focusing on choosing board members who served during challenging times for our school, and on our original board members since we are approaching our 50th anniversary. We will be sure that he/she will be comfortable coming to the meeting considering the current pandemic.
- Thought from “Leaders Eat Last” with respect to Kevin’s leadership: “A leader who takes care of their people and stays focused on the well-being of the organization can never fail.” Kevin, thank you for taking care of your people!
- Wanted to make sure that past board recommendations/by-law changes make it into the handbook. Maybe ask Courtney to verify?

Alumni Relations Committee – Heather Lanier

- Signs for the front fence and softball field have been ordered and should be delivered by next week. Sufficient donations and funds from softball t-shirt sales covered the expenses.
- 50th year celebration - the Golden Jubilee for the Golden Cats - committee was formed and met 9/16. Discussed theme, alumni database, capital campaign(s), and homecoming opportunities.
- Attached proposal for sponsorship/advertisement sign attached. This would also help raise money for a digital advertisement sign. Concerns about cost at this time.
- Continue to work on artwork for the 50th year capital campaign advertisement and mailers.

Booster Club – Lezlie Hay

- Concession Stand freezer was found to not be working on Tuesday before game along with the Coca-Cola cooler/refrigerator. I worked with Mitchell County Parks & Recreations Manager Jeb Bell to have freezer hauled off of the property and properly disposed of. We are ordering concessions on a game by game basis due to the minimum amount of home games and the uncertainty of the season. Also, I have checked on replacement freezers for the concession stands and have been in contact with Donnie and Amy Palmer about purchasing a 15.7 cubic foot freezer when it becomes available. Currently they are out of stock and after checking at larger chains outside of the county, I have discovered that most are on back-order until December.
- The Coca-Cola Company came in and serviced the cooler and is now up and running.
- An issue was found on game night with the valves and burners for one of the cookers. Crystal is getting replacement parts for the cookers.
- There were a few no-shows for the game and they have been rescheduled for a basketball game that was added after parent work days were assigned.

- Season Pass sales are lower than expected due to COVID, I am working on rolling out a t-shirt sale (see attached) to help offset some of the revenue that we normally would have collected with season pass sales. I already have Kevin's approval and need to speak with Lanair Sr. to make sure the Grandparent's Club give their approval.
- Did a 50/50 raffle at the first ballgame that did okay and also sold some WW merchandise to help raise money for charter bus needed for a later football game in the season.

Building & Grounds/Fundraising & GOAL – Cader Cox IV

- No Report

Strategic Planning– Chip Davis

- No Report

Finance/Grants-Laura Beth Tucker

- Financial report submitted
- Approval of financials: Motion made by Harrell Rackley to approve finance report as submitted. Second made by Steve Collins. Motion passed.

Grandparents - Lanair Worsham Sr.

- RAFFLE TICKETS on sale!

PTO – Christy Ward

- Met 8/25
- King and Queen Kick off scheduled for September 28
- Fall Festival Planning – Discussed PROS/CONS

PTO Parent Representative/PAC – Kelly Smith

- PAC meeting 9/28

Recruitment & Retention/Communications & Marketing – Christy Ward

- Increased number of postings to all social media accounts
- Working with several committees to promote events and market our school
- News stations contacted about a successful opening of school. WALB ran a news piece.
- Our new concrete pad was featured in Enterprise.

Motion made by Cader Cox IV to adjourn, second made by Christy Ward.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Rubendall