

WW Board of Trustees Meeting Notes
May 16, 2018

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

Absent: Gary Allen

Laura Beth called meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Tonya McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes, second from Lanair Worsham Jr. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS for May 16, 2018 Board Meeting

Headmaster Report – Ross Worsham

- The 2017/2018 school year at Westwood has been a very successful one. We have talented and driven students that are very busy and involved. It has always amazed me at the amount of success in so many different areas that we experience here at Westwood! We have football players and cheerleaders that participate in practice after school and then go to One-Act Play practice afterwards. We have students that get up on Saturday mornings in the Fall after football games and run Cross Country. Some of the accomplishments this year include State Runner up in One-Act Play, Literary State Champions, Girls Basketball State Champions, Boys Tennis State Champions, and Boys and Girls Track both finished 3rd in the state.
- Our teachers have molded and shaped students one day at a time in some cases for years and years. This year's Senior class is yet another example of the final product of a Westwood education. There are numerous awards and scholarships allowing our Seniors to attend the colleges of their choice.
- Finally, I would like to thank Westwood Schools for a great 13 years. I wish nothing but continued success for everyone involve here. May God Bless You All!

Curriculum Director – Dicksy Hinsley

- Many thanks to faculty, staff, and volunteers who helped make our 2018 academic banquet a success.
- STEM camp will be held June 11-14. Applications are still being accepted. One of our new teachers, Chelsea Childress was able to fill in and attend STEM camp training in Macon.
- Math teachers (including new teachers) will attend staff development. Thank you to Mrs. Nancy Palmer and her work with RESA and staff development training.

Chairman's Report – Laura Beth Tucker

- Board hosted "Wildcat Spirit Day" on Thursday, May 10th with funds raised to show appreciation to Ross
- Providing assistance as needed in transition for Kevin Cloud as new Headmaster
- Working on budget preparation for next school year.
- Presented training program for Scholarship Awards committee
- Board to present "Grace Adkins Proclamation" at her 90th Birthday celebration on Friday, May 18.
- Presented Ross with a gift basket from Jones Country Meats prepared by Heather Cox on behalf of the Board.

Academic Committee – Susan Glass:

- SAT/ACT: Spreadsheet with comparison data presented and discussed; ACT scores not received, therefore spreadsheet will be presented next month.
- Cara Summerlin is completing an article about the Class of 2018's college acceptances.
- Dual Enroll.: Will evaluate the program this summer
- Dicksy spoke with the UGA Representative who congratulated Westwood on having 100% acceptance to UGA! We had 6 apply to UGA and all 6 were accepted-Very rare and very impressive. He also stressed the importance of reminding our students to choose the most RIGOROUS courses offered at each school which is typically your AP courses and not the Dual Enrollment.
- Admissions: Less than 10 students had been tested last month and one student was not able to meet our admissions criteria. The Academic Committee recommends that the Admissions Committee determine the writing component we

need to add to our admissions testing. In addition, we are also requesting the Admissions Committee evaluate the admissions procedures in its entirety-items used, steps in evaluating, etc.

- Testing: 7th grade end of year testing will be handled soon. Azalee is handling this.
- STEM summer camp dates have been set for June 11th-14th. This camp will be led by Rose Mary Parramore.
- Academic Committee to assist Dicksy as requested with Academic Banquet, graduation, etc.
- Summer plans: Evaluate Dual Enrollment, Set Goals (some topics to include are motivating students, character building/integrity, honesty, increasing teacher pay, assist with any themes for the year, etc.)
- Dicksy informed us that Summer Teacher Professional Development will have a math focus and it will be June 5th-7th.

Athletic Committee/Booster Club – Tonya McDaniel

- Boosters sponsored meals for Varsity Tennis team at State competition.
- Boosters sponsored meals for Varsity Baseball at State playoff game
- Varsity Football meeting held on May 3rd
- Weight room equipment is installed, and it is a wonderful improvement
- Upcoming Jr-pro football and middle school parent meeting
- Free Athletic Physicals on 10th-Thank You Phoebe!
- Basketball summer camp scheduled in June.
- Basketball Scrimmage are being scheduled for June
- Football summer camp scheduled in June.
- Brookwood Football 7/7 on June 26th
- Summer workouts for all HS/MS athletes will be from 5-6 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during summer.
- Surprise for Coach Ross presented...Banner will be hung in weight room in honor of Ross stating "How About them Wildcats"!!
- Clint Daughtry and Jeremy Davis will be our new Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball coaches.
- Tennis Banners for 2017 & 2018 State Championships are in progress of being completed.

Alumni Committee – Susan Keigans

- No Report

Building / Grounds – Lanair Worsham, Jr.:

- Summer work planned: security, fencing, bathrooms and lawn maintenance

Finance/Fundraising/GOAL – Chip Davis

- Finance report presented to Board
- Requested budget needs from Athletic Director and Technology Director to be submitted by early June.

Recruitment/Retention – Greg Shiver

- Continuing to contact prospective families on registration
- Athletic trainer, Kadema Cooper, will be returning for the 2018/2019 school year. Thank you to Phoebe for providing this trainer to WW..

Grandparents - Lanair Sr.

- Receiving bids and working on design ideas for renovation of gym bathrooms.

PTO – Heather & Cader Cox

- Preparing for Academic Banquet for May 14th
- Coordinating several PTO events for May including End of Year Teacher luncheon
- Presented Ross with framed artwork created by the students.

PTO Parent Representative:

- Butterfly Garden
 - Majority of the plants have been installed.
 - Irrigation is in the process of being repaired.
 - K5 butterflies were released in our garden!
 - Coordinated with Ginna Waters on getting pictures of the butterfly release in the Camilla Enterprise.
 - Plans to have the elementary grades paint river rocks to put in the rock bed of the garden. Coordinating with Suzanne Crow and Melissa Cochran on this project.
 - Obtaining estimates on adding more pebble rocks to the rock bed.
- Coordinated with Laura Beth Tucker and Susan Glass on Wildcat Spirit Day in appreciation of Ross.

Parent Advisory Committee:

- Last meeting of school year held in April.
- Provided the committee a recent update of teacher placements for next year.
- Shared the positive statements from the UGA rep about Westwood and our students
- Plan to take a basket of gift cards to local restaurants to Kevin Cloud.
- Next meeting scheduled for August/September

Strategic Planning – David Cooper

- No report

Old Business:

Nominating Committee

- Committee proposed nominees to replace Meredith Rogers board position.
- Per the bylaws, the Board member rotating off the Board nominates one candidate and the Nominating Committee nominates one candidate. Board members then votes on paper ballot for one candidate.
- We would like to welcome Cader Cox IV. He will replace Meredith Rogers. Laura Beth thanked Meredith for her dedication to serve on the Board over the years serving as Finance Chair and Board Chair during her tenure.
- The current officers have completed their second terms; therefore the Nominating Committee presented a new slate of officers. We voted and approved our new officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Chairman – Lanair Worsham Jr., Vice-Chairman – Steve Collins, Secretary – Courtney Rubendall.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Rubendall