

Camilla Schools, Inc. or Westwood Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2023

Present: Keith Croft, Christy Ward, Lanair Worsham, Sr., Hunter Spence, Cader Cox, Kelley Joyner, Megan Williams, Lanair Worsham, Jr., David Griner, Boyd Williamson, Jessica Adams, Harrell Rackley, Wade Shiver, Heather Lanier, and Amanda Heard

Absent: Kelley Smith, Chris Nurmi

Chairman Christy Ward called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. and Cader Cox opened with prayer. Hunter Spence made a motion to approve the July 2023 board meeting minutes and it was seconded by Cader Cox. All approved. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Headmaster Report – Keith Croft

- Cottage Meetings – Our cottage meetings were well attended and we believe they were very informative. It was good to see the new faces that are joining the WW family, along with our returning families.
- PTO Donuts & teacher luncheon – Special thanks to Megan Williams & PTO for providing donuts for our families on the first day of school and a teacher luncheon during pre-planning. Both were very nice!
- School opening – We had a great opening at WW. The first day went very well and now the first week has gone very well also. Our teachers planned and prepared well to receive our students, and our students have been very positive and engaging. We are looking forward to an awesome year.
- Kick-off Banquet – It was a delightful evening at the banquet with lots of good food and good fellowship. Thank you, Kelley Joyner and the Booster Club, for an awesome night and we appreciate all the hard work by all involved.
- Art class – We have secured an art teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Kathy Nelson will be teaching weekly art classes at WW beginning in September. Kathy has taught in the Colquitt County School System at Doerun and Hamilton Schools. She is also active in the Arts Center in Moultrie, and has worked locally at FRAC. She has also taught in home school programs and has been involved with summer camps for several years. The art classes will be taught to K - 5th grades.
- Additional speech support – Mrs. Penny Harris will be offering additional speech services to WW students. Penny is a Speech-Language Pathologist with over 30 years of experience, mainly in pediatrics. All services will be cash pay, as she will not be able to bill insurance companies. These services will begin in September.
- Bass fishing team – Westwood students have recently inquired of the possibility of having a

bass fishing team at WW. A representative from GIAA will be conducting a general meeting on August 28th at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria to explain the rules/procedures.

- Chapel – Our sponsors are still in the planning stages of developing a monthly chapel service for grades 6-12. We will have more information about this at a later date.

- PTO & Kebo's Westwood night – PTO will be hosting a fundraiser at Kebo's on Tuesday, August 22nd from 5-8 PM. Kebo's will donate a percentage of the profits for this night to PTO. Please come out and support them if you can.

- New Pole/Lights – The light pole that was damaged this summer was finally installed on August 15th . Now we have all of our lights in service in our new parking lot.

- AI Considerations – Our school committee has been researching countermeasures to deal with the growing AI issues around the nation. We are looking at possible software interventions for the future that would assist our teachers in ensuring the integrity of WW.

- Fall Sports – Our football team won an exciting game this Friday against Baker County and our cheerleaders did an outstanding job at the pep rally and the game. Our softball teams have been playing hard and the cross-country team kicked things off this weekend. Our student-athletes have been working very hard in the extreme heat and we are very proud of them. Come out and watch them when you can.

Upcoming Dates/Events

August 22 PTO Night at Kebo's 5-8:00 PM

August 25 WW Football @ Augusta Prep 7:00

August 28 Bass Fishing Informational meeting 6:00 PM (Café)

Sept 4 Labor Day Holiday

Sept 8 WW Football @ David Emanuel 7:30

Sept 15 WW Football @ Twiggs 7:30

Curriculum/Guidance- Dicksy Hinesley

- Study halls have been assigned for grades 9th - 12th
- Dual enrollment students have been confirmed with Brewton Parker & ABAC
- Monday, August 14th- Dual Enrollment starts
- Meetings have been scheduled by grades- 12th, 11th, 10th & 9th
- New students welcomed
- Looking at the possibility of printing faculty IDs
- All locker numbers have been assigned in PowerSchool

Chairman's Report - Christy Ward

- Meeting with Keith
- Strategic planning back underway
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Finance/Grants - Harrell Rackley

Finance Committee made a motion to approve financial reports; second by David Griner. All approved.

Trustees Committee/Alumni Relations- Heather Lanier & Jessica Adams

Thank you to Christy Ward and Mrs. Terri Heard for hosting our Annual Board Retreat.

- You can submit names of potential board member candidates throughout the year.

Fundraising/Goal - Lanair Worsham, Jr.

- Attending a meeting at Woodward Academy
- 110 students/73 families receiving GOAL

Booster Club - Kelley Joyner

- Kick off banquet was a success. Fed close to 200 people. Lots of positive feedback
- Sponsorships are coming in and have reached what we raised last year and are still waiting on a few
- Booster Passes are for sale and we are doing well with those.
- May do 50/50 raffles at home games
- Preparing for home football concessions

Building & Grounds - Hunter Spence

● The new metal platforms were installed on the lower school playground set. This has been a massive project. They were installed the weekend before school started. Thank you to Brent Collins, Chris Nurmi, Jason Heard, Hunter Spence & Wyatt Spence for working in ridiculous heat and getting the platforms installed. We had hoped for a little more help but due to their love of sci-fi Wade and David ditched us and went to Comic Con dressed as Star Trek characters..... yeah, let that sink in for a moment. In all seriousness even though Brent's time on the Board concluded he stuck with this project to make sure it got done. Thank you Tim Maxwell for making the new platforms and to Chris Nurmi for his involvement with Brent and Tim and keeping everything on track and keeping the B&G committee updated. The new platforms were made out of aluminum and then coated with a spray in bed-liner product. Stainless Steel hardware was used to put the platforms back on. These should last another 20+ years. We are glad to have this project completed and behind us!

● Thank you Chris Nurmi and Spock, I mean Wade Shiver for pulling multiple rebar stakes that were left in a flowerbed outside of the auditorium. They posed a significant hazard and they were quick to get to the school and get them removed. I believe Chris said it was due to Wade's super- galactic strength that made the difference.

- Prior to the first day of school there was a school wide pruning of all shrubs, weed pulling in the beds and fresh pine straw put in all the beds.
- B&G was notified of a bottom section of fence that needed our attention on the north-side of campus. Superstar Chris Nurmi recycled the rebar stakes to pin down the fence where it was needed.
- B&G was notified that blinds need to be hung in the Lab. There has been a delay since B&G does not have a key to Lab to install them after school hours. A key is being made and should be provided to us soon. Hopefully by the time we meet on the 23rd we will have it done.

Strategic Planning- Susan Glass, Jenny Bostick, Keith Croft, Christy Ward

Working on finalizing Mission, Purpose, Vision for Committee Review

1. Amanda Heard PAC Focus Group
2. Lanair Worsham, Jr. Board Focus Group
3. James Adams Grandparents Focus Group
4. David Cooper Community Focus Group
5. Mary Lou Simmons Student Focus Group
6. Betsy Caldwell Teacher Focus Group
7. Keith Croft Administration Focus Group
8. Christy Ward Alumni Focus Group
9. Susan Glass Member
10. Jenny Bostick Facilitator

Grandparents Club- Lanair Worsham, Sr.

- Will have tickets next month.
- First meeting will be the Tuesday after Labor Day

PTO - Megan Williams

- Successful parent work day, back to school teacher lunch, and Kona Ice for students
- Kebo's Fundraiser update (8/22) ● Starting Fall Festival prep- A Night at the Fair

Communications & Marketing-R&R/Goals - Jessica Adams

- Ordered shirts for new families- has been a great opportunity to check in on the new families
- Submitted application to join the Moultrie Chamber
- Running sports page and school page with help of Christy and Amanda
- Had first bible study group for upper elementary

By-Law Review - Heather Lanier

- Send any requests for by-law changes

PTO Parent Representative - Amanda Heard

- Assisted Jessica with setting up New Family Orientation
- Assisted Megan with Faculty back to school lunch
- Positive feedback from New Families to current families about the start of school
- Social media post with back to school and sports pictures

Old Business -

- All committees meet during the month if needed. Committee chairs please forward committee reports to the board chair prior to our **next board meeting on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.**

New Business -

Executive Session -

Motion made to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by Christy Ward. Second made by Hunter Spence. All agreed. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica G. Adams, Secretary
Westwood Board of Trustees