

Camilla Schools, Inc. or Westwood Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023

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

Absent: Chris Nurmi, Kelley Smith, Cader Cox, Amanda Heard

Christy Ward called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and Hunter Spence opened with prayer. Hunter Spence made a motion to approve the September 2023 board meeting minutes and it was seconded by Wade Shiver. All approved. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Headmaster Report – Keith Croft

- Bass fishing team – Update: Coach Clint Daughtry has volunteered to be a coach for the team, which satisfies the GIAA requirement.
- Fall “Gun” Fundraiser - We have updated our posters and other information and are finalizing our gun selection. We will officially begin the fundraiser on October 23rd. We will announce our turn-in dates and giveaway dates later. Each board member will be given an envelope with required tickets for your children, along with ten extra tickets to sell (same format as last year). Please do not begin selling these until the October 23 start date. If anyone would like to donate the cost of some of the firearms, we will gladly accept your contribution. Thank you all for promoting, selling and/or purchasing tickets for this fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your assistance!
- Technology items from previous fundraiser – We recently received 36 new student chrome books purchased with funds from last year’s fundraiser. Previously, we purchased 4 new teacher laptops and 11 new desktops that were distributed among the upper school and elementary media centers, as well as the lab. The new chrome books completed the items purchased with last year’s fundraiser.
- See you at the pole – This annual event was held on Sept 27th. Coach Al Timmerman led the event in which we had a very good turnout of students, and several parents as well.
- King/Queen sales – These sales kicked off on Sept 27th in the WW auditorium and will continue to occur on October 4th, 11th and October 18th. Winners will be announced on Oct 21st at the fall festival.
- Pictures/retakes - Underclassmen picture retakes and senior off-campus pictures were taken on October 4th.
- Drug test #1 – The first random student drug test was conducted on October 5th.
- Fall break – The staff of Westwood enjoyed a much deserved 4-day break from Oct. 6th to Oct. 9th. Our teachers were very appreciative of this, which afforded the opportunity for some to have a quick getaway trip with family members.

- FAFSA meeting (SR Parents)- This informative meeting with parents was held on Oct. 10th.
 - Baseball/Softball Meeting - Coaches Fries and Birdsong will hold separate informational meetings with basketball/baseball players and parents on Oct. 16th.
 - Homecoming – Homecoming week began on Oct. 10th, running thru Oct. 13th. We were delighted to evade potential rains on Friday as we held our mini-parade on the track. The annual pep rally followed, with our students demonstrating a lot of school spirit at these events and throughout the week. The parade and pep rally were well attended by parents and family members. The game itself was exciting, as our Wildcats fought hard all night and then won the game in the last few minutes in dramatic fashion!
 - Flu shots – These will be offered at WW on Tuesday, Oct. 17th.
 - PSAT- This will be given on Oct. 24th and 25th.
 - Handbook changes – We will be meeting on Oct. 17th to discuss any needed handbook changes for next year.
 - Fall festival – We are looking forward to this great event and appreciate upfront all of the work that goes into this event.
 - Rotary meeting – We will be speaking to the Rotary Club on October 26th. I will make a few brief comments about Westwood and will promote the fall fundraiser. Coach Fries will speak as well in regards to Westwood athletics and relevant issues.
 - Trunk or Treat – Senior WW NHS members will assist with trunk or treat activities at the Service Center on Oct 27th from 9:15 to 11:15 AM.
 - One Act Play performances – A community performance will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26 @ 7:30 PM, and on Sunday Oct. 29th @ 3:00 PM. The Region One Act play competition will be hosted by WW on Monday, Oct. 30th and our first performance will be @ 9:30 AM.
 - Shotgun State Competition – This event will be held Nov 2-4th in Savannah.
 - GISA/GIAA Heads Meeting/Conference – I will be attending this event Nov 5/6 at Strong Rock Christian School in Powder Springs.
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Upcoming Dates/Events

Oct. 17 Flu Shots @ WW

Oct. 20 Senior Night WW Football Game vs Covenant 7:30 PM

Oct. 21 WW Fall Festival 4 – 7 PM

Oct. 26 One Act Play performance 7:30 PM

Oct. 29 One Act Play performance 3:00 PM

Oct. 30 Region One Act Play – WW performs at 9:30 AM

Nov. 2-4 WW Shotgun State Tournament

Curriculum/Guidance- Dicksy Hinesley

- Angie Wilson from Georgia Student Finance came to talk to our seniors and their parents about the FAFSA and the GSFAPP. All but 3 students attended. Angie helped to clear up misinformation about the HOPE and ZELL. She will return in January to help any parents who have not completed these forms.
- Many transcripts are being finalized and approved before sending to colleges. I'm also

writing recommendations for colleges and Common App. Many teachers have also been asked to write recommendations.

- Eight students have chosen to complete the Common App. Common App is a platform that different colleges can pull information off of for students applying. This platform makes it easier for the student to apply to several colleges without having to repeatedly send the same information to each college. This year, the University of Georgia is requiring all freshman to apply through Common App. Common App is extremely time consuming for the students and the counselors.
- Other students are starting to apply to colleges directly. I've already had 3 students accepted. With November being "No Fee November" for college applications, more students will be applying soon.
- A representative from Troy talked to approximately 10 students (grades 10-12). Two seniors immediately applied and have already been accepted. Last year, Troy was very generous with scholarships for our students.

Chairman's Report - Christy Ward

- Meetings with Keith
- ERB/Milestone data
- Chili and Chills 10/26. 4-7 pm \$10 entry fee. Come vote for Westwood!!
- Football State Championship Alumni recognized at HOCO game.

Finance/Grants - Harrell Rackley

Finance Committee made a motion to approve financial reports; second by Kelley Joyner. All approved.

Trustees Committee/Alumni Relations- Heather Lanier & Jessica Adams

No report.

Fundraising/Goal - Lanair Worsham, Jr.

- Will begin contacting board members to reach out to those that contribute to GOAL scholarship

Booster Club - Kelley Joyner

- Provided desserts, subs and/or pizza meals for JV and JR pro teams at completion of season

Building & Grounds - Hunter Spence

- Rocks for the drainage above the baseball field should be spread by the time of our meeting. David Griner has graciously offered to take care of it since he has the ideal equipment to do so.
- Gutter repairs on the side of the auditorium were done Friday of Homecoming week

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

Once again-we are struggling to find a time to meet at this time of the year. We are trying to finish.

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.

- Selling raffle tickets- drawing will be held at Fall Festival
- Chili Booth at Fall Festival

PTO - Megan Williams

- Fall Festival is Saturday, October 21st from 4-7
- PTO Sponsorships were a huge success. We ended up with 41 total sponsors. Thank you, Amanda for all of your help with the banners!
- The King and Queen fundraiser ends on Thursday at noon. The winner will be announced Saturday night!
- Reminder for Bank/Ticket booth shifts

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

- Social media posts
- JR Pro newspaper article for Camilla Enterprise
- Compiled data to review student numbers

By-Law Review - Heather Lanier

- No Report.

PTO Parent Representative - Amanda Heard

- Keith approved the Mitchell County Savings Card
 - Start fundraiser at the beginning of January
 - Each card will cost \$10
 - I already have 5 businesses committee, looking to get 15 total
 - I will design cards, contact businesses, and the school will handle the logistics of getting cards out to kids, etc.
- Social media posts- It has been a super busy month!

Old Business -

- Ag Equipment Auction- Boyd Williamson is spearheading and will work with Weeks Auction Group.
- 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, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

New Business -

Executive Session -

Motion made to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. by Christy Ward. Second made by Hunter Spence. All agreed. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica G. Adams, Secretary
Westwood Board of Trustees