

**Camilla Schools, Inc. or Westwood Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 13, 2023**

**Present:** Keith Croft, Christy Ward, Lanair Worsham, Sr., Hunter Spence, Lanair Worsham, Jr., Boyd Williamson, Megan Williams, Jessica Adams, Harrell Rackley, Wade Shiver, Chris Nurmi, Kelley Smith, Cader Cox, Amanda Heard

**Absent:** Kelley Joyner, Wade Shiver, David Griner

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Christy Ward called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Chris Nurmi opened with prayer. Hunter Spence made a motion to approve the November 2023 board meeting minutes and it was seconded by Harrell Rackley. All approved. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Headmaster Report – Keith Croft

- Fall “Gun” Fundraiser – Update: We started drawing names on Dec 1st and will continue this process thru Dec. 14th. Thank you all for promoting, selling and/or purchasing tickets for this fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your assistance! Also, we greatly appreciate our sponsors, Center Mass Firearms and Shiver Archery/Outdoor.
- Faculty/Student Annual Kickball Game – Friday, Nov. 17th, we had a lot of fun with our annual game before leaving for Thanksgiving break. I am very proud of our teachers for their school spirit and participating in this event. I believe this was the most participation for our faculty yet (during my tenure) and they even dressed alike. A paw to our WW staff!
- K5-SR’s Gingerbread houses - On Dec.3rd, our Seniors and K5 students met and constructed gingerbread houses. Let’s just say that ginger cookies, gumdrops, candy, icing and a lot of giggles and laughter filled our cafeteria on this day. What a fun event!
- Fall Athletic Banquet – On Dec 4th, we honored all fall athletic teams and coaches with a banquet. It was a good night of food and fellowship. Thanks so much to all that helped with this event. Our student-athletes work very hard in their respective sports and it is fun to talk about their achievements and honor their diligence.
- Camilla Lions Club Peace Poster Luncheon – This event was held on Dec 5th at Debbie’s. Poster winners were selected from all five local schools, and this luncheon was held in their honor. Brooklynn Daughtry was selected as WW’s winner. Each student drew a poster regarding peace in our country and they explained what their poster meant to the guests. Good job Brooklyn!
- K3 meeting – Mrs. Dicksy and I met with our K3 teachers on Dec. 7th. This was a mid-year conference to emphasize the desired expectations. We also discussed current procedures and curriculum and had good discussions on our current progress and desired goals. This is a very important area of our school and our staff is doing well at this time.

● Upcoming Middle School Activities – our MS students will be very busy next week. Here is a list of their upcoming events:

December 7 @ 10:30-Tinsel and Tutus (Ballet Trip)

December 12-Andersonville Trip (Students have been studying about Andersonville)

December 13-Fun Park

December 14- Cats Care project, Christmas movie, Christmas Dance

● Santa visits WW – Santa visited our K3- 5th grade students on Dec. 8th. Our students enjoyed some really good cookies and some special time with Santa. Thanks Megan Williams!

● HS Exam review - Reviews for hs exams began on Friday Dec. 8th and will continue thru Dec. 11th. Good luck to all our students!

● Seniors/K5 gift exchange – This group will back together on Dec. 11th to exchange gifts.

● Final Exams – Final exams for grades 9-12th will be held from Dec. 12-14th.

● Savannah Court – Our 2nd & 3rd graders will sing at Savannah Court on Dec. 13th.

● Cats Care Projects – All grades will be involved in their projects next week.

● End of grading period/White Christmas/noon dismissal – Dec. 15th will mark the end of the grading period for WW. We will have our annual school White Christmas event and will have a noon dismissal (no daycare on this day).

● Athletic Update – Our basketball teams have begun their seasons. Both the girls and boys teams have been working very hard (along with our cheerleaders). Come out and support our 'Cats if you have an opportunity.

● Christmas Holidays – Our students and staff will enjoy the Christmas holidays Dec 18 – Jan. 1st. Teachers will report back on Jan. 2nd. We hope all of our Board of Trustees enjoy some wonderful time with family and friends as well for Christmas. We are very appreciative of all you do for our school and community.

### **Curriculum/Guidance- Dicksy Hinesley**

● All DE classes for Semester 2 have been scheduled at the respective colleges and have been put in PowerSchool for S2.

● I'm in the process of getting all students placed in their classes for S2.

● Next semester schedules will be printed before leaving for the holidays.

● More students are being accepted to colleges.

● We have been focusing on students in danger of failing classes for S1.

● A representative from GA Southern Western came to talk to our students at lunch and one with Troy is wanting to come back.

● Exams are going on. Semester 1 ends on Friday.

● STAR READING scores are in except for a few students. The scores look good!

### **Chairman's Report - Christy Ward**

● Encouraged fundraising efforts from board

● Communication/meetings with Keith

● Goal meeting with Paige & Lanair

● Planning to finalize strategic plan in 2024

### **Finance/Grants - Harrell Rackley**

Finance Committee made a motion to approve financial reports; second by Amanda Heard. All approved.

### **Trustees Committee/Alumni Relations- Heather Lanier & Jessica Adams**

No report.

### **Fundraising/Goal - Lanair Worsham, Jr.**

- Working on getting donors to sign up

### **Booster Club - Kelley Joyner**

### **Building & Grounds - Hunter Spence**

- Chris Nurmi and I were notified by Keith of the erosion to the walkway off the southwest corner of the upper elementary building. Chris has a plan to address the issue that he shared with Keith.

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

No report.

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.**

- No report

### **PTO - Megan Williams**

- - Santa came to surprise the elementary kids on Friday and they loved it!
- - We sponsored a Christmas door decorating contest for the teachers. Our winners were Holli McGahee, Patricia Mullis, Emily Williams and Travis Moss.
- - The teacher Christmas lunch was Monday. They all enjoyed Mama Rita's!
- - Looking forward to 2024 and brainstorming some fun things for the teachers and students. We will start with providing a treat for the 100th day of school.

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

- Bus route- January and February advertisement in Moultrie paper will say “bus route coming soon-call to inquire” - will begin to gauge interest.
- Running ad in Sylvester paper during January/February
- Three entries in Camilla Christmas parade- SR mascots, Caroline Huey as Homecoming Queen, Varsity Cheer- Big thanks to these groups for participating.
- WALB reached out to Coach Timmerman in anticipation of running story on Student Government’s White Christmas food drive
- Family Movie Night in auditorium on January 6th
- Social media posts
- K grade play day and campus tours are scheduled for February 25th.

### **By-Law Review - Heather Lanier**

- No Report.

### **PTO Parent Representative - Amanda Heard**

- Community Cards
- 15 Businesses are Participating (great community support)
  - start selling mid-January
  - Students/Board Members Sell
  - Place in local Businesses
  - Goal is to sell 2,000
- Social Media Post

### **Old Business -**

- Ag Equipment Auction- Boyd Williamson - January 20th
- 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, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **New Business -**

Finance committee made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget. A second was made by Kelley Smith.

Finance committee made a motion to approve 2024-2025 tuition rates. A second was made by Hunter Spence.

### **Executive Session -**

No meeting.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. by Hunter Spence. Second made by Boyd Williamson. All agreed. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica G. Adams, Secretary  
Westwood Board of Trustees