

Camilla Schools, Inc. or Westwood Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024

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

Absent: Heather Lanier

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 December 2023 board meeting minutes and it was seconded by David Griner. All approved. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Headmaster Report – Keith Croft

Possible Interests – I have been contacted again by the family from California that toured with us previously. They have three kids and are saying they will move here this summer. I have also heard of a family in Moultrie with 2 kids that are interested in touring and also another student possibly transferring from a local school.

- Fall “Gun” Fundraiser – Update: We completed our drawings on Dec. 14th. We had a successful fundraiser this year. 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 Outdoor and Archery.
- Report cards – Report cards were sent home with all students on January 8th. ● School closings – After consulting with local EMA and city/county officials, school was canceled on January 9th and January 12th (1/2 day) due to the threat of severe storms. ● Tornado drill – We conducted this drill on January 10th, which was good timing due to recent storm threats.
- FAFSA Meeting – Senior parents were invited to this January 12th meeting to discuss important college financial possibilities with Mrs. Dicksy and Mrs. Angie Wilson with Georgia Student Finance.
- 2024 Enrollment – We are making preparations for beginning enrollment procedures for 2024 in February.
- Busing possibilities – We are continuing to discuss and research ideas for possibly busing students from neighboring counties to Westwood. We are going to send out notifications of this possibility to gauge interest from parents. This will help us to determine the logistics and feasibility of this venture. Special thanks to Christy Ward and Jessica Adams for discussions and action plans.

- New gates near K3 playground – We are proud of recent repairs to our fence and the addition of new gates on the property line fence adjacent to the alleyway. Thanks to Hunter for organizing this.
- Other repairs – We had a lock and clasp placed on the back of the weight room/gym door that will allow us to secure the gym better when we are away for extended time frames. In the past, we have occasionally had “visitors” enter the gym thru this door after hours without permission or supervision. We also are repairing a small area in the ceiling in the home locker room due to a recent minor mishap at a basketball game.
- Scoliosis screening – This screening will be held on January 23rd for all 6-8th grades. ● 100th Day of School – This will be celebrated on January 25th. Thanks to Megan and PTO for supplying doughnuts and fun for all of our students!
- GISA/GIAA Events – I will be attending a Heads zoom meeting with GISA/GIAA officials on January 17th and Coach Fries will be attending an athletic director’s meeting in Tifton that day as well.
- GISA/GIAA officials visiting Westwood – On January 29th, Dr. Jeff Jackson, GISA President, Dr. Stan Whitlock, GISA Vice-President and Kent Copeland, Executive Assistant of Athletics will be visiting Westwood. This is a scheduled visit as they are visiting other member schools in our area.
- Athletic Update – Our basketball teams and cheerleaders continue to work hard in their respective arenas. Our baseball team will begin official practices very soon, along with our other spring sport teams that will start very soon. Come out and support our Cats if you have an opportunity.

Also, as expected, our enrollment numbers have dictated that Westwood will be dropping down to compete in single A athletic events. For example, in baseball, and basketball we will align with the following teams in Region 3: Crisp, Fullington, Grace Christian, Highland Christian and Westwood. We will compete in a Class A, 12 team play-off. Other sports such as softball and cross country are slightly different. Football will remain the same as we will continue to compete in 8-Man football (8 Team Playoff) in Region 2 with the following teams: Crisp, David Emanuel, Fullington, Georgia Christian, Grace Christian, Memorial Day, Sherwood Christian, Twiggs and Vidalia Heritage.

- Georgia LEADS Program- Congratulations to Lilly Lanier

Curriculum/Guidance- Dicksy Hinesley

- Report Cards have gone out and transcripts have been updated for S1.
- I have updated Common App for students who had requested a Mid-Year Progress Report.
- All high school transcripts have been sent to Georgia Futures for the HOPE Scholarship process.
- A FAFSA meeting was held last week for parents & students who had not done the FAFSA yet. It has been late opening this year (Jan 1) because it has been “streamlined.” Angie Wilson from Georgia Student Finance came to help parents.
- Brewton Parker sent updated transcripts to all of the DE students.
- The faculty selected Sam Summerlin to be our nomination for the Mitchell EMC Youth Leadership Tour. He will be contacted and an interview will be set up. The winner from our

area will be sent on an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC this summer. Past winners from Westwood include Isabelle Rubendall and Hannah Glass.

- I am encouraging seniors to keep up with due dates for scholarships. More will be rolling in soon.
- On the teacher workday January 2, English teachers met from all grades and math teachers from MS & HS met. We are working on writing portfolios in English and coordinating math to include a geometry unit in 7th grade before the ERB.
- I am about to begin pulling juniors to talk about college and employment plans for the future. These conversations will take place over the next few weeks.

Chairman's Report - Christy Ward

- Strategic Plan meeting with Jenny Bostick and Susan Glass scheduled 1/19
- Conversations with Rep. Joe Campbell regarding Ga Promise Scholarship
- Meetings with Keith and Jessica for summer camps
- Meetings/conversations with Keith

Finance/Grants - Harrell Rackley

Finance Committee made a motion to approve financial reports; second by Boyd Williamson. All approved.

Trustees Committee/Alumni Relations- Heather Lanier & Jessica Adams

No report.

Fundraising/Goal - Lanair Worsham, Jr.

- Laura Beth Tucker was present at the beginning of the meeting and presented current GOAL facts. 40% of Westwood families receive some amount of GOAL scholarship.

Booster Club - Kelley Joyner

- Basketball concessions

Building & Grounds - Hunter Spence

- Over the Christmas break a set of gates were installed that now gives us access to the upper elementary playground. They are located along the alley between the lower elementary playground and storage shed (with track hurdles in it). Hopefully none else will pull any more posts to drive back there.
- Also, several bent corner posts around the storage shed were removed and new ones installed.
- Currently working to get all padlocks on campus replaced using one key instead of 18 padlocks and 24 keys. Master Lock can supply us with locks with different shank lengths and a numbered master key that will open all of them. A supply of extra locks can be stored in the high school office and when the need comes up they can install the lock.
- Currently there are two items on our "to do" list. The flag pole string needs to be

replaced/"un-kinked".

- The other item looks to be a board that came off the gym seating. Between work schedules and weather- we hope to get these items addressed soon.

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

Meeting - January 19, 2024.

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.

- Grandparent's Auction on March 9, 2024

PTO - Megan Williams

- PTO is providing doughnuts for students to celebrate the 100th Day of School.
- The staff Souper Bowl Lunch will be February 6th.
- PTO will be putting a small Valentine's treat in teacher boxes.

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

1. Met with Christy and Mr. Keith to plan upcoming marketing efforts including registration, play day/open house, busing routes
2. 100th day- dress up for elementary on January 25th
3. Mailing postcards to potential families- give any names to Jessica
4. Social media graphics

By-Law Review - Heather Lanier

- No Report.

PTO Parent Representative - Amanda Heard

- Alumni Golf Tournament- March 23rd
- Community Cards
- Social media posts

Old Business -

- Ag Equipment Auction- Boyd Williamson - February 25th
- Bus routes for 2024/2025 school year- marketing materials have been shared in Colquitt and Grady Counties to gauge interest.
- All committees meet during the month if needed. Committee chairs please forward committee reports to the board chair prior to our board meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 202 at 7:00 p.m.

New Business -

Executive Session -

Motion made to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. by Christy Ward. Second made by Cader Cox. All agreed. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica G. Adams, Secretary
Westwood Board of Trustees