

Camilla Schools, Inc. or Westwood Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024

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

Absent: Cader Cox

Christy Ward called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and Wade Shiver opened with prayer. Hunter Spence made a motion to approve the March 2024 board meeting minutes and it was seconded by David Griner. All approved. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Headmaster Report – Keith Croft

- Moultrie, Cairo, & Pelham Chamber Banquets – Update: I attended the Chamber Banquets in Moultrie, Cairo and Pelham. Next up will be Camilla's Chamber event.
- Busing possibilities - Update: I have been talking to a few Moultrie people regarding the possibility of driving a bus next year. We are now waiting to see how many students would be riding the bus. We will know more about this as more people register, which hopefully will continue through the summer.
- WW Beauty Pageants - The WW beauty pageants were held on Sunday, March 17th. We had a very good crowd, and our young ladies did an outstanding job in showcasing their beauty and skills. Here are the winners:
 - Junior Miss Westwood 2024: Audrey West, 1st Runner Up: Landry Dawn Clark, Junior Miss Congeniality Award: Aspen Perryman
 - Miss Westwood 2024: Isabelle Rubendall, 1st Runner Up: Erin Sharp, Talent Award: Isabelle Rubendall, Miss Congeniality Award: Aniyah Randell
 - Tiny Miss Westwood 2024: Saylor Grace Curles, 1st Runner Up: Mary Kathryn Adams
 - Little Miss Westwood 2024: Liza Kate Dixon, 1st Runner Up: Brooklyn Daughtry
- DE Meeting - Mrs. Dicksy conducted a Dual Enrollment meeting on March 19th.
- SAT – The SAT was successfully administered on March 20th and 21st.
- Youth Lead Georgia- On March 21st, Lilly Lanier (along with Dr. Lauren Healey from UGA) spoke to the Camilla Rotary Club regarding the Youth Lead Georgia program. Lilly was recently selected to participate in this program. She was chosen from a pool of other candidates in Georgia. Westwood is very proud of Lilly for this accomplishment!
- AR Rewards – Our elementary students had a big day on March 23rd. Grades 2 & 3 went to Urban Air. Grades 4 & 5 had a fun day with board games and lunches delivered. Our K4 classes enjoyed a GLOW party (Mrs. Patricia) and

pajamas, pizza and a movie (Mrs. Denise). First grade students enjoyed a lunch from Dairy Queen as well.

- Golf Tourney- The Alumni golf tourney was held on March 23rd and was a very successful and enjoyable event. Special thanks to all that worked hard to ensure success for this event.
- PTO Teacher Appreciation Week – PTO honored our teachers and staff during the week of March 25th. Our staff enjoyed breakfast, lunch, cookies, and many other nice things. Special thanks to PTO and Megan Williams for planning and organizing this celebration.
- HM for the Day – On March 26th, Liza Kate Dixon served as the headmaster for the day at Westwood. She did an outstanding job and appeared to thoroughly enjoy her day!
- Grandparents Day – On March 29th we celebrated Westwood’s grandparents on campus. The grandparents visited classrooms from 8:00 to 8:45, and at 9:00 were entertained by our students with a musical celebration through many decades. Our students did an outstanding job with their performance and our teachers prepared them well. Thank you to everyone for working hard to honor our grandparents!
- Prom- “A Night Under the Stars” Prom was held on March 29th. The venue was beautifully decorated, and our students enjoyed a good meal, dancing, sparklers and fireworks. It was a very special evening, and we thank everyone involved with this event.
- Spring Break – WW enjoyed spring break during the week of April 1st – 5th.
- MS Region Track Meet – Westwood hosted a region middle school track meet on April 8th.
- Region Tennis – Westwood participated in the Region Tennis tournament in Bainbridge on April 9th.
- Our boys’ team was Region runners-up. TC Moye and Frederick Lanier were Region doubles champions, with Lee Williamson and Ki Worsham right behind as region doubles runners-up. Also, Ken Williams placed 3rd in region singles. The State Individual tournament will be held on April 14th and 15th in Macon. Caroline Huey - 3rd region singles. Izzy Rubendall and Raine Worsham - 3rd in doubles.
- ERB Testing – Will be held at WW April 15th – 18th.
- Athletic Update: The Region track meet will be held in Albany on April 17th, and the State meet on April 25-27. As previously mentioned, WW Tennis will be competing in the State Individual Tourney April 14-15th.
- WW’s golf team will be participating in the Region tourney on April 15th. WW baseball is competing well and will hopefully be competing in the State tournament coming soon.

Upcoming events:

April 14-15 State Individual Tennis (Macon)

April 15 – Region Golf tourney (Albany)

April 17 – Region Track (Hugh Mills Stadium – Albany)

April 19 - Elementary Field Day

April 20 - Camilla Chamber Banquet (FRAC)

April 22-24 – State Team Tennis (Macon)

April 25-27 – State Track Meet (Mack Strong)

Curriculum/Guidance-Dicksy Hinesley

- All HS & MS teachers met on Monday, April 15, 2024, to turn in names for academic awards. I am currently in the process of getting certificates, trophies and plaques for all awards programs, Senior Honors Night and graduation.
- Seniors and their parents have been notified about turning in information for Senior Plaques and the 3 items they want to read at Senior night.
- I've been meeting with many students, teachers, and parents about different issues.
- Keith and I have met with applicants about filling positions vacated by teachers leaving.
- I am getting ready to start creating the schedule for next year. There are many variables that need to be looked at.
- SEVERAL scholarships are coming in and others are going out to the clubs sponsoring them. It is a constantly rotating door!
- We are starting to hear word of some local scholarship winners.
- Dual Enrollment for fall is being taken care of. Some students have not applied to the colleges yet, but I'm encouraging them to do it ASAP.
- ERB Testing is going on in grades 1-8.

Chairman's Report – Christy Ward

- Attended Grandparents Club Meeting
- Meetings/discussions with Keith
- Tours
- Strategic Plan-continue to work on updates. Meeting scheduled for Monday 4/22 with Susan and Jenny.

Finance/Grants-Harrell Rackley

- The finance committee presented financials and made a motion to approve. A second was made by Boyd Williamson. All approved.

Trustees Committee/Alumni Relations-Heather Lanier/Jessica Adams

- Will present slate under new business.

Fundraising/GOAL – Lanair Worsham, Jr.

- All GOAL contributions have been made with the exception of one.

Booster Club – Kelley Joyner

- Helped Cheerleaders purchase run thru sign
- Sending 4-5 Coaches to Savannah to summer coaches meeting
- Money for Team State Tennis

Buildings and Grounds- Hunter Spence

- I did notice that the baseball stands were somewhat messy for the JV game on Tuesday. There was some trash in the stands and mulch had been blown around making the stands look unkept.
- Wondered if,
 - 1-we get rid of the small patches of mulch around poles and fill with clay instead,
 - 2-before a game having that team (whether it be JV, B-team or Varsity) do a walk through and pick up trash and either blow off or sweep the concrete areas. ***All players doing this, not just the guys on the bench and not coaches. It would take them 3-5 minutes to do, if that.

Strategic Planning – Susan Glass/Jenny Bostick/Keith Croft/Christy Ward

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 – Lanair Worsham, Sr.

- Grandparent's had their last meeting of the school year.
- Will buy the school a new bus

PTO – Megan Williams

- Teachers were treated to snacks, treats and lunch during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- PTO provided coffee and donuts for the Grandparents program.
- We have received some good nominations for Teacher of the Year. All nominations are due the 19th and the winner will be announced May 1st.
- PTO is providing lunch for teachers on May 1st.
- PTO is working with Senior grade moms to plan Senior Honors night.

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

- Following up with those who attended the open house but have not registered.
- Kids Day at home varsity baseball game (April 23rd)
- Social media
- Helping give tours to potential families.
- Beginning to plan for 2024/2025 school year

- April 25th the board provided lunch to administrative professionals at the school

By-Law Review – Heather Lanier

- No report

PTO Parent Representative/PAC –Amanda Heard

- Social media post
- Facebook Senior countdown will start April 30th- if you are on Facebook please like these posts to honor our seniors!
- Golf Tournament- Huge success, everyone had a great time and gave positive feedback!

Old Business

Christy Ward reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting on May 8th (moved back to May 15th).

Golf tournament was a huge success!

Boyd Williamson gave an annual campaign update. 86% of the Board's goal has been met.

New Business

Christy Ward presented 2024/2025 Fundraising Raffle Ticket prize. Motion to approved by David Griner, seconded by Hunter Spence. All approved.

The Board of Trustees Committee presented secret voting ballots for the following: Christy Ward (to enter second term ending in 2029)

Harrell Rackley (to enter second term ending in 2029)

Amanda Heard (to fill Heather Lanier's term ending in 2024)

All ballots were approved.

Executive Session

Motion made to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. by Hunter Spence. Second made by David Griner. All agreed. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica G. Adams, Secretary
Westwood Board of Trustees