

Camilla Schools, Inc. or Westwood Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 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, Cader Cox, Amanda Heard

Absent: Heather Lanier, Kelley Smith, Harrell Rackley

Christy Ward called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and Wade Shiver opened with prayer. Hunter Spence made a motion to approve the February 2024 board meeting minutes and it was seconded by Cader Cox. All approved. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Headmaster Report – Keith Croft

Enrollment – 260 (+1)

- Registration Update – As of March 15, 2024, 249 students have completed registration. There are 11 students pending (the online requirements have been met) and 12 returning students have not started registration. Also, I have conducted a few school meetings/tours recently with prospective families and have more scheduled next week.
- Moultrie, Cairo, & Pelham Chamber Banquets
- K3 Playdate and Open House – Update: Our event on Feb 25th was well attended. We had a roomful of new K3 families in attendance, as well as informative tour groups for prospective new families in attendance. We were very pleased to see several of the families from Moultrie that had expressed an interest in attending Westwood. Thank you, Jessica, for organizing this event and to all others that assisted!
- WW Discount Cards – Update: The cards were distributed to all students on Feb 20th and funds are still being collected. This was a voluntary fundraiser for WW. Special thanks to Amanda Heard for organizing and facilitating this fundraiser!
- March 10/11 GIAA/GISA Heads Meeting – Update: Due to the uncertainty with Laura Beth Tucker's condition, I cancelled my plans to attend this. This did allow me to be at WW for the prayer at the pole that morning, and to be at school to be with our students and staff, for which I am grateful.
- Vaping issues – Update: I asked Mrs. Dicksy to reach out to the local health

department in an effort to locate a speaker to come to WW to discuss the harmful effects of vaping. We are waiting to hear back from them, but feel fairly certain this will occur.

- Busing possibilities - Update: We are continuing to discuss plans for busing students. I reached out to Ron Shiver (former WW graduate), Pastor of Funston Baptist Church to inquire if we could use the church parking lot as a drop-off/pick up location. I was granted this permission. The next step will be to coordinate pick-up/drop-off times so there is not a conflict with the entry/exit lanes of Funston School, which is located directly behind the church. We are also discussing ideas for a driver. Special thanks to Christy Ward and Jessica Adams for discussions, action plans, and contacting families as well.
- Softball meeting – A meeting with returning softball players was held on Feb. 22nd in which Coach Bubber Birdsong was introduced as the new softball coach for WW.
- Farm Auction Feb 24th – Thanks to everyone for attending and/or helping with this fundraiser. This was my first time seeing this type of event before and I was very impressed with the entire process.
- Special thanks to Boyd Williamson for all his hard work with the auction and the gun fundraiser! Also, thanks to Wade Shiver for donating the firearm. Great job guys!
- Mother Goose Feb 27th – Mother Goose came to WW and entertained our lower school students. I believe they enjoyed this very much.
- Literary Region Competition Feb 29th: The WW literary team competed in the region competition in Cordele very successfully. We were named Region Champions and had numerous 1st place winners. Congratulations to the team and Mrs. Azalee for a great job! We are very proud.
- Drug testing – Random drug testing was conducted on March 1.
- Fun Run Kick-off – This was held on March 4th in anticipation of the upcoming event.
- WW Prom Assembly – The WW prom specifics were revealed and invitations extended in an assembly on March 5th.
- NHS Service Center Pageant/Jr. Pro baseball – NHS members assisted with the Mitchell Baker Service Center Pageant (formerly the Valentine's pageant) on March 6th. NHS members will also be working the gate at the Jr. Pro baseball tournament on Saturday, March 16, 2024 to raise money for Camilla Alpha

Pregnancy Center to provide needed supplies for babies.

- 3rd Grading Pd. – March 8th was the end of the 3rd grading pd at WW.
- School prayer – On March 8th, we held a student-led moment of silence and prayer in the commons area for Mrs. Laura Beth Tucker and her family.
- Annual auction sponsored by WW Grandparents – The annual auction was held on March 9th. It was an evening filled with good food, good fellowship and good donations toward our school. The silent auction was filled with delicious home baked goodies, which led to very competitive bids being placed. The live auction was also filled with good, competitive bidding fun on outstanding items. Thank you to everyone that worked so hard for the success of this event. And special thanks to Mr. Lanair and all the grandparents for their hard work at this event and all the other wonderful things they do for our school and students!
- Prayer at the Pole – This school and community prayer for the Tucker family was held on March 11th.
- WW Literary - The WW literary team performed at school on March 12th in preparation for the upcoming state competition.
- WW Family night at Kebo's – On March 12th Kebo's hosted WW families and friends and donated a portion of the proceeds to WW. Like the previous time, it was well attended and successful. Thanks to everyone that participated, and special thanks to Megan Williams for organizing this event.
- WW spring individual/class pics – These were taken of March 13th.
- PSAT – This was administered on March 14th at WW.
- Power outage – As I stated in my Bloomz letter Thursday, we had a little excitement at WW on March 14th. A squirrel in a transformer down the road caused a temporary power outage at WW. The outage activated the fire alarms, which alerted the fire/police department. Thankfully, everything was restored on campus a few minutes later.
- WW Fun Run – This annual event was held on Friday, March 15th. Our upper and lower elementary kids did an awesome job during the run and were treated to a foam party immediately afterwards. Lots of fun was had by all! Special thanks to Mrs. Suzanne Crow, Melissa Cochran, Taylor Nall and everyone else who assisted in this great fundraiser!
- WW Beauty Pageants – After not being held for several years, beauty pageants are making a return to WW. These will be held on Sunday, March 17th.

- Lab Collaborative Meeting – The WW staff and Christy Ward met on Friday, March 15th to discuss ideas and strategies for upgrading the WW Lab. Special thanks to Christy for lending her expertise in facilitating this venture. We are glad to see this process begin.
- Athletic Update:
 - Our Jr. Pro baseball teams have started competition and will be hosting a tournament this weekend.
 - Our spring sports are wide open and are competing in their areas. Tennis, baseball, track, & golf are working hard. Please come out and support our student-athletes when possible.
 - Registration for WW Summer camps continues thru March 29th.
 - The following camps are being planned: Sport/STEM June 10-13, Gymnastics/Art June 17-20, Basketball June 24-27.

Upcoming events:

- March 18 State Literary competition @ Gordon College
- March 20 SAT @ WW
- March 23 - WW Golf Tourney
- March 25 – 29 Teacher Appreciation Week
- March 29- Grandparents Day
- March 29 - WW Prom
- April 1 – 5 - Spring Break

Curriculum/Guidance-Dicksy Hinesley

- I've been visiting the senior homeroom frequently about scholarships and FAFSA. I send out the information to all parents and students on Bloomz when I get a scholarship sent to me. I then print hard copies and take them to the homeroom. I explain about due dates or things specific to a particular scholarship. Then hard copies are placed on the table outside of Mrs. Paige's office with due dates on each folder. Many scholarships are now online which makes me nervous because I don't have access to who and what is being turned in (or not turned in).
- This year, the FAFSA (the Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has had an

overhaul. Apparently, there are glitches, so the University of Georgia is suggesting that students ALSO fill out the GSFApp (the Georgia Student Finance Application) for aid. The GSFApp is supposed to be easier to fill out and lasts 10 years. I've disseminated info about how colleges are advising students to fill out both the FAFSA and GSFApp to both students and parents through Bloomz.

- We are looking towards creating a schedule for next year's classes.
- The state DOE is requiring a new course. It is requiring all schools to teach a financial literacy class in combination with economics. WW is ahead of the game in that we have been teaching BOTH for years. What this means for us next year is that we will now have to use the course numbers that the state requires and combine the two classes. In the early planning stage, we are thinking about moving Financial Literacy to the 11th grade and Current Issues (currently in 11th grade) to 12th grade.
- SAT Math Prep was going on.
- The School Based PSAT was administered on March 14, and the SAT (Digital) will be administered March 20 & 21, 2024.
- Schedules have been worked out for Class coverage and library usage.
- Art supplies have been ordered for Mrs. Kathy to start with sculpting. We are going to use the kiln beside the old gym that was torn down. Mrs. Kathy has asked for help in transporting items to and from the facility. We will ask grade moms to help closer to the date.
- A lot of my time has been spent dealing with students and parents concerning failing grades. Since March 8 was the last day of the grading period, we were struggling with so many students and teachers being out and make-up work still needing to be done. Report Cards went home on May 14.
- The Georgia College & State University reached out to me to nominate 2 students for a Multicultural
- Student Leadership Conference to be held July 10-July 12.
- Katie Williams Moore (who grew up in Camilla) reached out to me for 3 nominations for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Camp being held on June 7-9. • We have had SEVEN out of SEVEN students to be accepted into the University of Georgia!

Chairman's Report – Christy Ward

- Met with Susan and Jenni to begin final steps of Strategic Plan

- Board Book Report
- K Play Day/Open House
- Prepared Board Evaluations
- Continued discussions with Headmaster

Finance/Grants-Harrell Rackley

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

Trustees Committee/Alumni Relations-Heather Lanier & Jessica Adams

- Jessica & Heather met in March. Planning ahead for April meeting. Will have full committee meeting before then.

Fundraising/GOAL – Lanair Worsham, Jr.

- Goad Deadline was March 11
- Checks and payments were submitted. Due to postal shutdowns in Atlanta we can still submit checks if
- people have not paid. Working on that.

Booster Club – Kelley Joyner

- Concessions at equipment auction

Buildings and Grounds- Hunter Spence

- PTO Parent Work Day handled items on maintenance list.

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 Auction was successful.

PTO – Megan Williams

- Our second friends and family night at Kebo's was a success!
- Teacher Appreciation week is March 25th-29th. We have lunch, breakfast, treats, etc. planned for each day!
- I have started talking with Mr. Keith about doing Teacher of the Year.

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

- Social media
- Had a successful open house. Thank you to everyone who helped!
- Monitoring registration, giving family tours
- Running ad in the Moultrie Scenes Magazine

By-Law Review – Heather Lanier

- No report

PTO Parent Representative/PAC –Amanda Heard

- Please don't forget to turn in the money for the community cards \$100.
- Social Media Post

- Golf Tournament- We have 25 teams signed up. At Max capacity, tee time changed to 9:30.

Old Business

Ag Auctions success

New Business

By Law Review

Article One, Section Two: “No person shall serve as a permanent member of the Board of Trustees who has their spouse or member of immediate household working as a permanent staff member at Camilla Schools, Inc.”

Added:

“Unless agreed upon by the board. Such trustee must agree to be evaluated by the Trustees Committee yearly or at regular intervals if needed. If conduct is deemed unsatisfactory, the Trustees Committee has the authority to recommend removal of their board position to the whole board for a vote in accordance with by law regulations.”

Motion made by Lanair Worsham Jr. Second by Hunter Spence. All board members approved.

Executive Session

Headmaster Keith Croft was excused from the meeting and the Board of Trustees entered executive session at 7:56 p.m. Executive session was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. by Cader Cox. Second made by Hunter Spence. All agreed.

None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica G. Adams, Secretary

Westwood Board of Trustees