

Camilla Schools, Inc. or Westwood Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

Present: 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, Cader Cox, Kelley Smith, Harrell Rackley, Mitch Bernier, Lacie Heard

Absent: Keith Croft, Heather Lanier

Christy Ward called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and Chris Nurmi opened with prayer. Hunter Spence made a motion to approve the April 2024 board meeting minutes and it was seconded by Wade Shiver. All approved. Motion passed.

Christy Ward welcomed next board members, Booster Club President, Mitch Bernier and Parent PTO Representative, Lacie Heard. Chairman Ward also reviewed the Board of Trustees accomplishments for the 2023/2024 school year.

Committee Reports

Headmaster Report – Keith Croft

Enrollment – 260

- Registration Update – As of May 14th, 2024, 259 students have completed registration. Of these 259 enrolled, 29 are new students. There are 11 students pending (7 current, 4 new). The online requirements have been met for these. Some of these will not be returning. Also, I have conducted a few school meetings/tours recently with prospective families and have more scheduled next week.
- Moultrie, Cairo, Pelham and Camilla Chamber Banquets – Update: We have attended all Chamber Banquets in the above cities. Thank you to Christy and Jessica for attending the Camilla Chamber Banquet held on April 20th.
- Busing possibilities - Update: We are still planning to bus students from Moultrie and will be working on these plans through the summer. Thankfully, we are still receiving interest from more people in Moultrie.
- Elementary Field Day was held on April 19th.
- Westwood's Golf team participated in the state tournament on April 22nd at Lake Oconee.

- Senior Night for baseball was observed April 23rd vs Citizens Christian.
- Westwood's tennis team competed in the state team tournament on April 23/24 in Macon.
- Westwood's track team competed in the state track meet on April 25/26th in Columbus.
- Champs 5th grade program was held on April 25th in the cafeteria.
- Windstream visited on April 26th to observe what changes would be needed for our new contract.
- Open teacher positions – I have conducted several interviews in pursuit of new teachers to fill our open positions. We will continue to do this until all positions are filled.
- K5 Donuts w/Dad was held at Westwood on April 29th.
- Wild Adventures visited WW on April 29th, bringing a tortoise, a snake and a sloth for elementary students to learn about and get a “hands on” experience. One of the speakers was Madison Tucker, former WW student and daughter of Honey Faircloth. This was a very interesting program.
- Westwood's baseball team competed in the first round of the state baseball tournament on April 29/30 versus Brentwood. Both teams won on the first day setting up a final game the next day, which the CATS won to advance to round 2 of the state playoffs.
- PTO treated all WW teachers to an appreciation luncheon on May 1st. Thanks so much to Megan and PTO!
- Mrs. Ginny's tea party was held on May 3rd to the delight of our first graders.
- Westwood's baseball team competed in round two of the state playoffs on May 3rd vs Gatewood, who was the #1 seed. Our guys played very well in these games, jumping out to leads in both games. However, Gatewood, came back to win both games, ending the CATS season.
- MS/HS field day was held on May 6th. The events were moved to accommodate the baseball team, who were competing in the playoffs on the original scheduled date.
- The Yearbook presentation was held on May 7th as the WW Annual Staff unveiled the new yearbook, which was dedicated to Mrs. Gloria Pollard, the

beloved cook at WW. Mrs. Gloria's family was there and she was greatly surprised with this honor.

- SR Cap and Gown walk-through was held on May 7th as our seniors made a circle through all buildings and were honored by all the underclassmen.
- AP English exams were administered on May 8th.
- Windstream revisited WW on May 8th and needed conversions were made.
- SR's last day was May 9th.

- Athletic Physicals were given at WW on May 8th for all upcoming 5th -12th grade students.
- SR Honor's Banquet was held on May 8th, honoring many deserving scholars.
- School cancelled on Friday; May 10 due to incoming projected storms.
- MS Academic Assembly was held on May 13th.
- SR Life Skills classes began on May 13th.
- SR Slideshow was held on May 13th after being rescheduled due to the storm.

Upcoming events:

May 14 – HS Academic Assembly

May 14 – SR Ride around (weather permitting)

May 15/16 - Graduation Practice

May 15 - Gymnastics Program

May 16 - AR Roadrunner Awards

May 17 - Final Exams (9-11)

Graduation 7:00 PM

May 20 - Finals (9-11)

K3 Graduation 8:30, K4 @ 10:30, K5 @ 6:00 PM

May 21 - Spring Sports Banquet 6:00 PM

May 22 – Last Day, Noon Dismissal, Post Planning ½ day.

Curriculum/Guidance-Dicksy Hinesley

- “I am doing it ALL”

Chairman’s Report – Christy Ward

- Met with Susan and Jenny to discuss Strategic Plan
- Meetings with Keith
- Preparing to wrap up the school year and begin another
- SO,SO proud of this Board!

Finance/Grants-Harrell Rackley

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

Trustees Committee/Alumni Relations-Heather Lanier/Jessica Adams

- No report.

Fundraising/GOAL – Lanair Worsham, Jr.

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

Booster Club – Kelley Joyner

- Kelley introduced new Booster Club President, Mitch Bernier.
- Kelley was thanked for her great service to Westwood Schools.

Buildings and Grounds- Hunter Spence

- Working with Bryan Godwin to repair the softball concessions building

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.

- Grandparents are preparing for a new school year.

PTO – Megan Williams

- Fran Sheffield was our Teacher of the Year. We're excited to continue this next year to honor our teachers.
- We had our last teacher lunch on May 1st and they all enjoyed it!
- This summer PTO will be prepping for back to school and Fall Festival.

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

- Billboard congratulating our graduates on Hwy 19
- Continuing to mass mail via Moultrie and Cairo Chambers
- Newspaper ads
- Gymnastics and Art Camp
- Social media

By-Law Review – Heather Lanier

- No report

PTO Parent Representative/PAC –Amanda Heard

- Social media post

Old Business

Christy Ward reminded everyone to save the date for the Annual Board Retreat on July 25th.

Boyd Williamson gave an annual campaign update. 86.15% of the Board's goal has been met.

New Business

No new business.

Executive Session

Motion made to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. by Lanair Worsham Jr. Second made by David Griner. All agreed.

None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica G. Adams, Secretary

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