



Westlake High School
School Governance Council Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018

Council Members Present: Jamar Robinson, Shelia Jackson, Kevin Oliver, Christi Giddens, Geary Woolfolk, Valerie Bennett

Student Council Members Present: Nina Giddens, Fryda Cortes

Council Members Absent: Ray Robinson, Tasha Oliver

The meeting was called to order by Geary Woolfolk at 4:44 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Kevin Oliver moved and Shelia Jackson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of the April Meeting Minutes

Kevin Oliver moved and Geary Woolfolk seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Meeting Norms

- Reviewed Norms as written.

Nomination of new Council Member

- Mr. Robinson nominated Valerie Bennet as a Faculty/Staff Representative for the SGC Committee.
 - Unanimously approved by the committee
- Two student representatives were announced: Fryda Cortes and Nina Giddens

Reviewed Agenda

- Gina Foster introduced as the South Fulton Learning Community Representative

TAG ED Presentation by Erica Moore

- Mission to provide students with relevant, hands on STEM learning opportunities and connecting them to Technology Association of GA (TAG) resources.
- Wants to develop a partnership with WHS

- Geary Woolfolk will handle logistics
 - Ms. Pey (Westlake’s WBL Coordinator), Geary Woolfolk, and Kendrick Lewis will work in tandem with intern opportunities
- Kendrick Lewis (CTE teacher at WHS) made public remarks in support of the TAG ED initiative

Principal Update

- Westlake’s graduation rate is up from 90.9 to 91.5 showing a .6% increase
- A student from Westlake was the only FCS student selected to serve on the State Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council. There were over 12,000 applicants.
- Pretty Tech – initiative through GA Tech train young ladies to do a trade. Students have been trained to run a school based store to repair cell phones. Last year, they made about \$20,000.
- 9th Grade failure data will be shared at our October 15th meeting
- Progress reports went home on today
 - Academic checkpoints were done through homeroom
- SMED (WHS class of ‘89 nonprofit organization) – feeds students for free after school
- GA State professor taught math classes at Westlake last week
- WHS is looking to become STEAM certified. Dr. Bennet will provide more information at our next meeting
 - With current processes and programs already in place, WHS STEAM Certification may possibly take only one year
- Matrix for Progress Monitoring
 - Include/Insert real data into the current strategic plan format including 2-3 bullet points
 - Insert checkpoint data at various testing opportunities to monitor progress
- Partnerships (to name a few)
 - Jimmy John’s
 - Chick-fil-a
 - Athletic Attics (made \$1000 donation to athletic department)
 - Publix

Alternative Funding

- Kevin Oliver is currently researching opportunities

Latin Distinction

- Geary Woolfolk will meet with the Counseling Department on October 16th @ 10:00 to discuss pros/cons

Council Vacancy

- Review option for possible replacement of an elected parent position
 - We will review next meeting and decide on a parent member at next meeting
 - Parent must be eligible until 2020

SGC Compliance

- Self-assessment of duties and responsibilities
- We will look at next meeting
- SGC handbook was provided via email
 - SGC members should be sure to review pages 9 and 10
 - Pay close attention to duties and responsibilities for compliance
 - Review guidelines surrounding start and end time

Upcoming Dates

- Community Partner Assessment – discuss and complete by October 31st
- Student Leadership Conference November 10th
- Committees need to meet at least once in the Fall and once in the Spring
- SGC Training for new SGC members – October 10th at South Learning Center from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Officer trainings – October 23rd 6:30 – 8:30pm at College Park Elementary (Chair/ Vice Chair/ Parliamentarian)
- Cross counsel @ Gullett Elementary , 6:30 – 8:30pm – 3 council members need to attend
- Committee Training November 8th 6:30 – 8:30pm at Asa Hilliard Elementary
- FCS Superintendent’s Advisory Council
 - Need one parent/one community member to sit on the Superintendent’s Council Committee (Ray Robinson/Geary Woolfolk)

Meeting adjourned at 5:36