**Walton Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 21, 2024**

**In Attendance:**

Neysa Lee

Karen Hallacy

Suzanne Schott

Brian Benton

Susan Thrash

Stephanie Santoro, WHS Principal

**Guests:** Tony Arasi, Alison McMahon

**WGB Business:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 pm.

Minutes from the September 9, 2024 Governance Board meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the Walton Website for public review.

**Chairman’s Report:**

The chairman reminded the board that last month administrators were guests at the meeting and have been assigned as liaisons to each Standing Committee.

**Principal’s Report:**

Principal Report: Dr. Stephanie Santoro

* Financial Report ETD County and Local Funding
  + WGB members were provided documents in advance for review
  + Largest purchase made has been $30K for iPads which will be used for teacher instruction
  + PTSA has provided $7500 in grants used for patio umbrellas, anatomical skeletal models for biology, and online subscriptions.
* Safety Procedures
  + EVOLVE is being installed in all Cobb high schools. It will be used at all football, basketball and high attendance functions, i.e. Homecoming dance.
  + A camera operated “buzz in” system will be installed at the front door soon.
  + Many drills have been practiced. Walton responded well to a major threat on campus recently. Local police were on the scene immediately and took control.
* PSAT Day
  + The administration of 1855 PSATs on campus was a great success. Bandwidth, digital issues and tech support were all tested and there were no issues.
  + 180 students were tested in the gym as a practice run for AP testing. Everything went well.
  + Walton has 40 national merit semi-finalists.
* Homecoming 2024
  + Homecoming Week was a great week at Walton.
  + The parade had great participation and was well attended. It was conference week so the younger students were able to attend which probably accounts for the high turnout.
  + The football team won the game against Etowah.
  + The dance on Saturday was well attended. Over 1100 tickets were sold. The event was hosted by the Foundation’s Student Leadership Council.

**State Board Training:**

* Leader Keys Effectiveness Systems (LKES): Alison McMahon
* State Charter School Board: Tony Arasi

The meeting was adjourned by Neysa Lee. The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2024 at 4:00pm.