**Walton Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 11, 2024**

**In Attendance:**

Neysa Lee

Karen Hallacy

Suzanne Schott

Brian Benton

Susan Thrash

Stephanie Santoro, WHS Principal

**WGB Business:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:04 pm.

Minutes from the October 21, 2024 Governance Board meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the Walton Website for public review.

**Chairman’s Report:**

Chairman’s Report by Neysa Lee

* There is no financial audit at this time
* There will be no WGB meeting in December or February.
* The State’s Annual Survey for Charter Schools has been delayed because of the transfer of the Charter Compliance Division from the DOE this summer. The survey will be completed by Dr. Santoro and the Board Chair and submitted as soon as it becomes available.
* In January
  + We will discuss input for principal’s performance evaluation to be submitted in February.
  + We will review the process for recruiting new members for WGB, nominations for positions, April elections, May transition for 2 new members
  + We will also have a training session on how to assess ourselves as a board
* Financial training for new board members must be completed by May.

**Principal’s Report:**

Principal’s Report by Dr. Stephanie Santoro

* Budget Review and Charter Grant- LKES Standard 3,4,8
  + The Charter Grant is $80K. We are awaiting update on the disbursement plan.
  + A major purchase from the budget is the score board.
* Halloween - LKES Standard 2
  + Halloween on campus was a fun day that the students and faculty enjoyed together.
* Wellness Programs: WEB, Health, Signs of Suicide
  + Art It Out is hosting programs on campus. The American Heart Association has programs available in the gym during WEB.
* College and Career Prep: College Corner, Apply to College Day; Financial Aid Night; Sophomore Bridge
  + The College Corner provides excellent service to our students. The office has made a point to focus on students who are applying to smaller schools like Chattahoochee Tech
* Communications Overview
  + The principal is sending weekly letter through CTLS to parents and weekly email update to faculty and staff to promote timely communication.
  + There is also a Faculty Senate to promote communication amongst the faculty.
* Fine Arts Update
  + Drama just presented “Chicago”
  + Band will be performing in London in January 2026
  + Chorus will be performing in Italy in February 2025
* Athletics Update
  + Athletics teams continue to excel at state levels.
  + Academic teams are also competing at high levels.
* Final exam schedule - LKES Standard 4
  + Exemption forms are due on 12/16. Exams conclude on 12/20.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm by Neysa Lee. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2025 at 4:00pm.