**Walton Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 13, 2025**

**In Attendance:**

Neysa Lee

Karen Hallacy

Suzanne Schott

Brian Benton

Susan Thrash

Stephanie Santoro, WHS Principal

**Guest:** Tony Arasi

**WGB Business:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:03 pm.

Minutes from the November 11, 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

* Upcoming Meetings
  + There will be no meeting in February.
  + At the March 11 meeting, we will elect the nominating committee to replace outgoing board members.
* Performance Appraisal Input Process
  + A fillable Google form was provided to each board member for input.
  + The narrative evaluation based on LKES from the WGB will be submitted to Dr. Santoro’s direct report as a part of the Board’s responsibility to provide input into the WHS principal’s Performance Appraisal.
* Board Vote
  + Walton currently uses a Charter waiver to use a 3rd party website platform for the WHS Website in lieu of utilizing the CCSD’s platform. The Administration would like to begin utilizing the CCSD’s website platform because the functionality of this platform has improved dramatically and can meet the WHS requirements which were previously only available through a 3rd party. PTSA funding for the 3rd party site will be reallocated to support other WHS projects.
  + Karen Hallacy made a motion to cease using the waiver to opt out of utilizing the CCSD’s website platform. Brian Benton seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

**Principal’s Report:**

Principal’s Report by Dr. Stephanie Santoro

* Staff/faculty allotments for the 2025-2026 will be awarded soon. Dr. Santoro explained the CCSD’s allotment process and the implications for class sizes at Walton for the next school year.
* As part of the mandated TB Protocol, a second round of TB testing was performed at Walton with no positive testing results.
* The date and time for Walton’s graduation has been set for May 22, 2025 at 2:30 pm.
* There were staff changes in January because two teachers resigned mid-year. To date, supply teachers are being used to fill these positions.
* State Charter Facilities Grant Funding – Dr. Santoro reported her latest communication regarding this grant funding with Allen Mueller, Sr. Director of the State Charter School Commission’s Compliance Office. The DOE was supposed to have confirmed the total grant amount and individual school allocations were expected to be delivered in the 4th quarter of 2024 but this process has been delayed. Dr. Santoro will continue to monitor the progress of this funding through Mr. Mueller’s office.

**State Charter Board Mandatory Training: Tony Arasi**

The meeting was adjourned by Neysa Lee. The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2025 at 4:00pm at Walton HS.