**Walton Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 9, 2024**

**In Attendance:**

Neysa Lee

Karen Hallacy

Suzanne Schott

Stephanie Santoro, WHS Principal

**Absent:** Brian Benton, Susan Thrash

**Guests:** Matthew Short, Troy Pirkle, Julie Brown, Christy Page

**WGB Business:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 pm. Minutes from the August 12, 2024 Governance Board meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the Walton Website for public review.

**Chairman’s Report:**

* Standing Committees: Standing Committees for Community Enhancement, Technology & Facilities, Curriculum and Instruction, Goals and Assessments have been formed for the school year and will include representatives from the Administration, Teachers, Parents, Students and the Community. A Walton Governance Board member has been assigned to serve as a liaison to each committee as well. Walton Administrators Julie Brown, Chris Williams, Chris Jones, Christy Page, Tray Pirkle, Matthew Short and Stephanie Santoro, Principal, will chair the Standing Committees.
* Standing Committee Chairs Matthew Short, Troy Pirkle, Julie Brown and Christy Page attended the meeting to meet the Walton Governance Board members and discuss their committee’s objectives for the year.

**Principal’s Report:**

Principal Report: Dr. Stephanie Santoro

1. Financial Report ETD County and Local Funding
* WGB members were provided documents in advance for review
* Walton currently has 80-100 students over anticipated enrollment. Funding will be used to provide more desks and stations in computer labs for testing. The school’s inventory of Apple iPads is obsolete and will be replaced over time with 64 on order to begin the refresh. Additional expenditures for safety equipment and personnel are expected including the installation of screening devices for entrance to certain school events.
* New AED’s have been installed which completes the emergency device installation across the campus.
1. Safety: Considering the recent violence in Georgia Schools, Dr. Santoro gave the board a briefing on the Walton, CCSD and State protocols and priorities in their mission to protect the Walton School community.
2. School Goals and Implementation Plans
* 9th, 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT in October. Walton’s SMART goals in the areas of Literacy, Math and Behavioral will be tied to PSAT results. The state pays for 10th graders to take the test and Walton will pay for 9th graders to take the assessment.
* The administration will use this data to determine areas of strength and weakness across subgroups and build interventions to support and accelerate learning – concentration on study skills, time management, classroom focus, mental health and positive school climate
* AP Testing will have a digital component this year and preparations are being made to accommodate this requirement at Walton as an AP testing site and to prepare our students for the new testing format.
1. Principal Personnel Report
* Administrator Pam Lavangie left Walton to take a position with the CCSD. Christy Page will fill the Administrator vacancy, and a math teacher will be hired to replace Christy in the Math Department.

**State Board Training: Tony Arasi**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 by Neysa Lee. The next meeting will be held with the 2024-25 Board on October 21, 2024 at 4:00pm.