



## **Walton High School Foundation**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2014 4:00 PM**

Media Center Conference Room

### **Called to Order at 4:08 pm by Patti Morgan.**

**2. Those in attendance:** Judy McNeill, Patti Morgan, Vonda Shoemaker, Preston Cho, Paulette Farley, Hilary Hill, Roberta Manheim, Debra Tant, Dana Greenberg, and Jene' Gladstone. Our quorum was met.

**Those not attending:** Jennifer Risey, Sallie Winokur, Sandra Hausman, Jody Buter, Lisa Astarita, Mary Kay McBride

### **President's Greeting**

Patti Morgan welcomed everyone. She asked Judy to give a two-minute summary of the Foundation.

- Started in '92, but ground work began in '88/'89
- Modeled after McEachern's Foundation, which was started by an individual family.
- Selected an attorney outside of Cobb Co to keep autonomy and confidentiality
- Used collected funds in early years to improve the facilities
- Modified scope to include technological needs, like FOCUS and the on line SAT PREP course
- Revised focus a few years ago to also include class size reduction
- Played a lot of roles throughout the years, but has always done whatever is needed to ensure student success.

## Secretary's Report/Minutes

No minutes to report.

## Treasurer's Report

Paulette Farley announced that the budget has been approved. She cleaned up the Segregated accounts over the summer and eliminated inactive/obsolete accounts. Paulette will investigate whether or not she can separate the funds received from Kroger and Publix, per Dana Greenberg's request.

Dana Greenberg inquired about whether or not the Kroger checks being made out to the Walton Facilities Foundation was a problem. Paulette responded that while the name did need to be updated, she was still using checks with the WFF logo and that the bank will still accept deposits made out to WFF. When instructed by Paulette, Dana will work with Publix and Kroger to get the checks made out to the Walton High School Foundation (vs. Walton Facilities Foundation).

## Report from Administration

First Pep Rally is tomorrow. All staff, admin and support employees will wear a Walton t-shirt to celebrate winning the Director's Cup for the second year in a row.

The band was presented with a Rose Bowl Banner for the parade. The orchestra will visit Prague and Vienna over spring break.

The year is off to a great start and some teachers have remarked it is the smoothest year yet. Much of this is due to the preplanning done before school and the collaboration between the horizontal and vertical department teams.

## Reports of Officers/Committees

### - Fundraising Update – Debra Tant

- Hundreds of Information Cards turned in during Open House
- Fundraising calendar now in line with school calendar (July 1 – June 30)
- Raised Over \$200K from July '13 – June '14
- Donations received after July 1, 2014 will go towards the '14/'15 school year
- Judy suggested comparing databases to determine students missing from the new Foundation database. We can mail the Information Cards with a short note to all those students with missing contact information.

- Website – Jene’ Gladstone

- Would like to add the history of the Foundation to the website and the reason for the name change
- Would like to see more visuals, teacher and student spotlights, pictures of events, etc.
- Would like to list sponsors when we are able to secure them
- Will work with Jennifer, Debra and Vonda to discuss/coordinate database
- Paypal tab (set up by Neysa Lee) on the website references the old Foundation name. Before updating the name, Preston wants to explore options for us to use, like Amazon. The fees will be smaller and adds the option of using a swiper during Orientation, Open House and other events.

## **New Business**

Roberta Manheim encouraged teachers to discuss the Foundation and the reduction of class sizes at the Open House. She would like Foundation to emphasize what we do and how we help during the Carnival on 10/29. Teachers loved the carnival and are very much looking forward to it again this year. Patti encouraged all to support Sallie with planning the Carnival and volunteering to assist on the day of the event.

Roberta also suggested making announcements or providing quick factoids during the football games when there is a captive and supportive audience.

Sallie Winokur, Preston Cho and Hilary Hill will meet with Clay Henson on 8/26 at 3:45 pm to discuss ideas for the Foundation videos.

Survival Kits and Health & Wellness chairs remain open. Both positions need to be filled quickly. All board members are encouraged to think about possible candidates to take these positions. Note – add replacing air filters to the list of responsibilities of the Health & Wellness chair.

## **Announcements**

**Next Meeting – September 9, 2014 at 4 pm**

**Adjourned by Patti Morgan at 5:31 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Hilary Hill, Secretary.