**9/11 2023 Walton Governance Board Meeting**

**Chair called the meeting to order, time:** 4:02 pm

**Participants:**

* Richard Tischler
* Neysa Lee, Chair
* Suzanne Schott
* Angela Patterson, Parliamentarian
* Cindy Brown, Vice-Chair
* Chris Jarrett

Absent: none

**Minutes from August meeting approved as submitted.**

Mr. Tischler introduced Matthew Short, new Assistant Principal

**Report from the Standing Committees:**

Standing committee representatives were introduced as adjunct/ advisory committees to board to help WGB achieve its goals. Representatives Stephanie Santoro, Matt Short, Julie Brown, and Pam Lavangie gave brief overviews of committee activity. Committees are required to meet 2 times per year but will likely meet more. WGB offered to provide resources to committees.

Committees were invited to bring ideas to board. Standing committees will be instrumental in assisting with

* Operational & guidance
* Accountability to state dept goals
* Providing a strategic voice to all stakeholders, advocating for Walton in the county and state

**Report from the Chair:**

The board discussed bringing programs to Tech Ed including ideas such as facilitating partnerships to provide internships. We are reminded that every community speaker has to be vetted with up to 60 days needed. We will consider the best way to facilitate the exchange of ideas between faculty and board for future career events.

The Chair, Neysa asked that each board member review the student handbook for review and approval at the next meeting.

**Report from the Principal:**

Mr. Tischler is pleased to report WHS is #6 in the state on the new US News & World Report rankings.

*Financials and projects:*

County Budget of $235.2k for instruction. The largest allotment is paying for 9th grade PSAT. $200k received as 5-year cell tower payment, It can be used for instructional materials. Mr. Tischler is confident he can provide teachers with all of the instructional materials they need.

Walton administration continues to prioritize student remediation and creating PD programs for faculty that benefit every student, not just those struggling at the lower level.

PTSA raffled off parking spaces and successfully eliminated a budget deficit. They are thrilled to provide every teacher with a $750 grant. Mr. Tischler met with Foundation leadership and brainstormed ways to engage Freshman families earlier.

PSAT is going digital. WHS is the first to administer the test navigating the technology required to successfully test and will share the results with the rest of the county high schools. Due to the demand on the faculty and facility, students in grades not taking the test will stay home, encouraged to catch up on work or college planning.

It is not possible to accommodate non-test takers on campus, so we do not anticipate needing a charter waiver for students to stay home. The WGB will support Mr. Tischler if he needs to apply for a waiver.

Chris is looking into seeing if there are ways we can layer additional technology to extrapolate more information from PSAT results, recognizing that adaptive questioning may have an impact on results.

*Construction update*:

Bridge to the new athletic complex will be installed over the road in one day in October, with the build around anticipated complete by the end of the year.

The County LKES goal for Mr. Tischler and all principals is safety, safety knowledge, and security. Mr. Tischler meets monthly with a team of principals to collaborate and exchange data-based ideas.

Principal Tischler fielded questions from the Board. Neysa proposed reaching out to Catherine Mallanda, CCSD Chief Academic Officer,to see if there are opportunities where WHS can pilot academic initiatives.

**Chair adjourned the meeting**, **time:** 5:08pm

**Next meeting, Time Date, Location**: October 9th, 2023, WHS, training, 4:00pm