Wayne Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Meeting November 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

# OPENING

* 1. Welcome and Call to Order – Mr. Scott Mackey @ 5:34pm
     + Present representing the board was Scott Mackey, Cady Stanton, Donna Scott, Melvin Smith, Amanda Wells, and Attorney Glenn Barfield.
     + Present representing staff and administration was Rebecca Whittle, Natalie Barber, Christy Klein, Sheena Fletcher, Cynthia Dukes, Jessica Jones, Chelsea Cashion, Brad Shackelford, Brandon Ingram, Ashley Cooper, Donna Gaddis, Lonina Akers, Laura Skinner, Lorraina Hardin, and Todd Hardin.
     + Present representing parents were Skye Karr and JJ Goldman.
  2. Notification of Conflicts of Interest

Board members are reminded that it is our duty to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest as we handle the work of the Board. Does any member of the Board know of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before us at this meeting? If so, please state them for the record. If during the course of the meeting you become aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest, please bring the matter to the attention of the Chair. It will then be your duty to abstain from participating in discussion on the matter and from voting on the matter.

* Notice was read by Donna Scott.
* No conflicts were noted.
  1. Motion to approve the Agenda as Business Order of the Day
     + Motion was made by Donna Scott at 5:35pm and seconded by Cady Stanton. There were no debate or alterations were brought forward. The motion passed unanimously.
  2. Approval of Minutes (Oct O&C)
     + Motion was made by Donna Scott at 5:35pm and seconded by Cady Stanton. There were no debate or alterations were brought forward. The motion passed unanimously.

# NEW BUSINESS

* 1. Fundraisers/activities approval(s)
     + High school Pajama Day Fundraiser November 26th -**Approved.**
       - $2 for scholars to participate.
       - Money raised will be for Hoopcoming.
     + Falcon Visit Activity K-12 December 2nd & 3rd -**Approved.**
       - Opt-out form will be sent home for scholars unable to participate.
     + Middle/High School EC class to movies December 3rd -**Approved.**
       - Moved from November.
       - School van to be used.
       - Scholars to provide money for entry and snacks.
     + Beta Club Snack Cart -**Approved.**
       - Cart will go to elementary classes during lunch time M/W/F; snacks range from $1-$3.
       - Money raised will fund service projects.
       - 10% of all raised will be donated back to WPA.
     + 12 Days of Christmas Spirit Days **Approved.** 
       - Name to be changed to 12 Days of Holiday Cheer to be inclusive.
       - Spirit Days will be for K-12 scholars.
  2. Lottery date approval/Enrollment activities
     + Lottery dates will be February 3rd- April 11th.
       - Motion to approve lottery dates of February 3rd- April 11th was made by Donna Scott at 6:21pm and seconded by Amanda Wells. The motion passed unanimously.
     + Enrollment activities will include open houses, both during the day and at night, billboards, and working with the Partnership for Children.
       - Waiting to hear back about grant to assist with costs.
  3. Parent communication (LPL)
     + Letter to be sent out as required since WPA has been designated as a low performing school.
     + Ms. Sullivan is working diligently on MTSS.
  4. Elementary Christmas Concert
     + Will be held in the Middle School gym Monday December 16th at 7pm.
     + Name to be changed to holiday concert to be inclusive.
  5. Christmas Luncheon
     + Motion to approve $2,000 for staff Christmas lunch was made by Melvin Smith at 6:36pm and seconded by Amanda Wells. The motion passed unanimously.
  6. HR Update (closed)

# ACADEMICS

# Elementary

# Masked singer event for positive dojo points went over very well.

# 4th grade field trip was very well received by both scholars and parents.

# Bus company was extremely easy to work with, would recommend their use for other field trips.

# Robotics will be added for 4th and 5th grade scholars.

# The local 4-H club will be training WPA staff on the robots and will letting us use the robots.

# IT has the software needed.

# This is part of First Robotics.

# Thank you to Mr. Goldman for bringing this opportunity to WPA!

# A media club for 4th & 5th is being started by Mrs. Hardin & Mr. Ingram.

# They will meet once a week after school.

# IT has all the equipment needed.

# Middle

# Middle school dance will be held December 6th from 6:30-9:30pm.

# Tickets will be sold ahead of time, and for a larger cost at the door.

# NC Check-ins for reading will be December 4th and for Math on December 11th.

# Middle school scholar art will be submitted to the Azalea Festival.

# Middle school Beta Club inductions will be held in January.

# Suspensions and referrals are down significantly from last year.

# Looking at having a dance during school hours to reward scholars who have positive behavior.

# High

# Feedback has been received on NC Check-ins.

# Will be using iXL to work on weak area.

# More check-ins coming this week.

# Prom Update- Will be held May 10th at Goldsboro Battlefield

# Glenn has contracts to review for the venue and DJ.

# Metal detector training was only on using the machine; Ms. Jones is looking for best practice type of training.

# A lockdown drill has been scheduled for December.

# High school only at this time.

# Behavior is trending significantly in a positive direction.

1. FINANCE
   1. Account Updates
      * Accounts reviewed prior to meeting.
   2. Budget Update
      * None at this time.

# OLD BUSINESS

* 1. Prom venue
     + Glenn has venue contract for review.
  2. ThinK-12
     + Rebecca and Cynthia met with ThinK-12 for a presentation.
       - There is a $5,000 an annual fee. They will train WPA on how to update site, but they also can provide this.
       - $500/mo. can be added for marketing.
         * Board agrees to add this cost on from now until lottery.
       - ThinK-12 fees have been written into grant application.
     + Motion to approve spending up to $7,500 for ThinK-12 website redesign and marketing made by Amanda Wells at 6:33pm and seconded by Donna Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

1. CLOSED SESSION (If applicable)

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss matters that are privileged and confidential under state or federal law, to discuss matters that are protected under attorney-client privilege, and to discuss personnel matters.

* Motion to go into closed session was made by Cady Stanton at 6:38pm and seconded by Amanda Wells. There were no debate or alterations were brought forward. The motion passed unanimously.
* Motion to return to open session was made by Amanda Wells at 7:51pm and seconded by Cady Stanton. There were no debate or alterations were brought forward. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Any motions to be heard resulting from Closed Session.
   * Motion to approve new hires K. Radford, K. Boyette, C. Best, and A. Marable, at positions and salaries discussed in closed session was made by Donna Scott at 7:51pm and seconded by Melvin Smith. There were no debate or alterations were brought forward. The motion passed unanimously.
2. ADJOURNMENT
   * Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Scott at 7:51pm and seconded by Amanda Wells. There were no debate or alterations were brought forward. The motion passed unanimously.