



Minutes

Date | time 10/1/2021 | 7:30 am | *Location* via TEAMS

SGC Members

Rebecca Williams, Principal | Anne Ramsey, Appointed Staff | Erin Schuler, Teacher | Camie Christensen, Parent | Kimberly Wolf, Parent | Teresa Ruspi, Community Member | Debbie Sheftel, Teacher | Pranav Singh, Parent | Amber Bean, Appointed Staff | Saira Joseph, Appointed Community Member

Call to Order

SGC Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda

Motion was made by Camie Christensen. Seconded by Kimberly Wolf and supported by Erin Schuler. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Approve Sep minutes

Motion was made by Pranav Singh. Second by Kimberly Wolf. The motion carried unanimously.

Principal's Updates:

- a. Bingo was a sold-out event and a huge success with participation from staff, parents and students alike.
- b. Connect is a new initiative for SY2021-22 and is a part of the compass class. "Connect" provides students opportunity to connect with adults and other students with similar academic or enrichment interests.
- c. The week of Oct 4th is Wellness week.
- d. There are twenty-five clubs already running in the school and students are requesting more new clubs to be added to the list.
- e. Cultural celebration going well with Hispanic heritage and next month is Italian American heritage month.
- f. No place for Hate is gearing up for Kick off. Students are creating their own videos to share their idea on what it means to them by tolerance and "Accept All". Students will take a "No Hate" pledge as part of the campaign.
- g. MAP testing for 7th grade is being scheduled during the Oct 4th week. On the day of the MAP testing, 6th and 8th grade will follow alternative schedules. 8th grade will take youth science and 6th graders will be learning how to be more organized.
- h. 7th grade will be provided an extension to cover the Digital citizenship requirements.
- i. WBMS has prepared a list of "Invisible" and "Dis-engaged" students who are not participating or not engaging with school activities well. Such students shall be provided additional help. Compass classes and Art classes are serving a mechanism for students to connect with school.

- j. There are still some behavioral issues being seen in students – a parent letter shall go out to entire parent community to help.
- k. The school staff is experiencing fatigue due to (j) above and the many other initiatives going in the school.
- l. Due to the lack of staff availability to support the extra work needed, the National School of Character application is on hold for this school year. The supporting work is occurring but the application is on hold due to staff non availability.
- m. The staff continues to listen to the student feedback and incorporate it through the year.
- n. 7th grade students are learning to “Walk the Webb Way”.
- o. The district has approved purchasing a new stage curtain for WBMS. The curtain cost is \$20,000.
- p. WBMS is working with City of Alpharetta to take over the maintenance of school grounds.

Action Item: For WBMS students to be able to report objectionable content concerning school such as influenced by social media trends, a Microsoft form will be created. Principal Williams will circulate a Webb bridge specific version the parent letter addressing behavioral concerns. This topic shall be added to the agenda for future discussions as well.

Discussion Item: Public Comment and Principal’s Update

Erin Schuler reported new public comments:

- a. Parent comment: “Webb bridge MS staff are fantastic and great. Not sure what my daughter would do without you guys, love every one of you”
- b. Staff Comment: “I feel lucky to work in such an amazing school where I am supported and encouraged to take new initiatives”
- c. Parent: New to school and looking for help – left their number.

Action Item: Principal Williams/staff will reach out to the said parent in c above.

Action Item: Flexible Spending Items:

Social studies 6th grade novel study for book “Refugee” for second semester. 6th grade will cover the book during compass reading and social studies. The cost is \$3000.00. The initiative connects to the literacy goal. The book is a story about a Cuban refugee, a boy from holocaust and another Syrian refugee. Shorter and specific book doable and accomplish in compass to support the curriculum.

Motion: Kimberly Wolf; Second: Saira Joseph. The motion carried unanimously.

Communication of SGC work to community

Action Item: Website Update —

- a. New council needs to be updated on the web page
- b. Post agenda on the SGC page
- c. Meeting website link
- d. Facebook/Twitter
- e. include SGC updates in staff newsletter

Motion: Kimberly Wolf; Second: Saira Joseph, motion carried unanimously

Action Item: Blue Strategic Pillar: Initiatives – review and update

- a. Two parents have been nominated for the Character conference – Teresa Ruspi and Pranav Singh will attend.
- b. Administrators are in the midst of letters training – getting a Masters in reading.
- c. For Social Studies and Science, there is a new G3000 tool made available to school staff.
- d. Award for schools: WBMS is amongst three middle school for having lowest number of students in iReady with rush flags.
- e. Every student will achieve their stretch goals in Math and reading.
- f. Expanding support for students who are below grade level in Reading and Math.
- g. School's extended learning program has been very successful.
- h. Students can stay later two days a week and work with teachers. Morning and virtual options are being added.
- i. Working on data to identify what is best for the students.
- j. Provision of outside tutors by leveraging CARES fund (@2000 tutoring hours). Groups of three students will work with a tutor grouped by grade and specific skill deficit level. Instructions will be administered by a remote tutoring company with live instructions.
- k. An instructional para-pro is being hired to support the initiatives.
- l. AHS tutors who are former Webb bridge students are going to be tutoring WBMS students.
- m. Business partners and parents can work with the students during compass.
- n. Part time teachers are devoting an entire Wednesday to reading for students needing intense reading help.
- o. School will work with parents of students needing help for which option works for them best.

Discussion Topic: Blue Strategic Pillar update is tabled until the next meeting on November 5th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 AM.

Motion: Saira Joseph Second: Kimberly Wolf, Approval was unanimous.