

School Governance Council Meeting 4/3/2024

Attendance:

Dr. Maria Stasaitis

Doug Cheatham

Lisa Van

Daniel Cocchiola

Isa Alves

Dan Ferreira

Hanalei Cocchiola

Peggy Terhune

Mary Case

Mr. Cheatham - Welcomed everyone and officially started our meeting.

Mr. Ferreira - **Newsies** will be starting on Thursday, April 11, 2024 @7:00 pm at the Palace Theater. On Friday, April 12, 2024, students will be able to see the performance from 12-2pm.

SAT testing took place late March and additional testing will continue.

Grace Henderson, our Youth of the Year, was honored by the Exchange Club and WAMS students were invited to the Jane Doe No More Gala. WAMS students and Mr. Ferreira had an opportunity to be part of a promotional film, filmed right at WAMS.

April 12, 2024 -Career Fair in the WAMS gym. Opportunity for students to explore different career interest. The Fire Department, St. Mary's - possibly, Solar – Energy Consultant, Banking industry and other careers. Mrs. Terhune volunteered her husband - voice coach.

Mr. Cocchiola – Expressed concerns over purchasing **Newsies** tickets.

Miss Cocchiola – Need QR Code to purchase tickets. Can't purchase tickets on your phone. You have to navigate the site.

Dr. Stasaitis – Options: set up a Parent Square, and/or navigate the site to get to the tickets.

Mrs. Terhune – Heard partial conversations regarding this issue.

Mr. Ferreira- Possibilities: buy tickets at school and/or Parent Square and/or go on the website. The Middle School Office and Main Office are selling tickets. Your student can buy them from the school store during lunch tomorrow.

Mr. Cocchiola – Any updates on the Anniversary Party June 20th?

Dr. Stasaitis – Most likely we will have tickets to get into the Palace Theater.

Miss Cocchiola - Suggested that guests have the option of making donations.

Dr. Stasaitis – More information on Facebook page - Save the Date! Alumni are encouraged to make a video for the Anniversary Party. Please contact Mr. Amenta.

Mr. Cocchiola – Inquired how to obtain copies of performances?

Dr. Stasaitis – All of WAMS performances are on U Tube except for performance with copyrights.

WAMS keeps DVD's of all of the shows as well.

Dr. Stasaitis – April 12th we figured it out! We are a creative school and handled the scheduling. Students will have an opportunity to see Newsies and attend Career Day taking place at WAMS. This is a busy time of year – also preparing for awards and graduation.

New hires – Hall monitor - now 2. New Magnet Specialist – Danielle Rowe starts April 11, 2024. A Social Studies teacher has been hired due to teacher retiring. We also have a new hire for the Music Department.

Have a few teachers from NEMS coming to WAMS to teach and other teachers stepping in – we need a Science teacher.

Miss Cocchiola – Police Department - Captain Capozzi did a presentation – would have liked a central theme.

Dr. Stasaitis – This presentation came from the State Department of Education and needed to be modified.

Miss Cocchiola – Thought that the presentation didn't cover a lot of content. It was redacted.

Mr. Cocchiola – Felt that the presentation didn't quite fit.

Dr. Stasaitis – Have to follow requirements from the State of Connecticut and the Board of Education. At all times, looking out for the best interests of our students.

Mrs. Terhune – Palace Theater – April 2024

WAMS/Palace

- WAMS dance students performed in the ballet **Cinderella**, and were able to meet Misty Copeland, and perform alongside Isabella Boylston and Aran Bell from American Ballet Theater, March 14 – 15.
- The **Newsies** cast was onstage for a work light rehearsal on Monday, April 1.
- Newsies will be onstage for load-in, cue-to-cue and rehearsals and performances next week, April 8-13.

- On April 30-May 2, WAMS Dance will be rehearsing and performing onstage.
- We are putting together the details for our summer Behind the Scenes Technical Theater program. It will take place July 15-26, in the afternoons, and give students a chance to light, costume, and stage manage dance performances.
- Once our 2024-2025 season is definitely booked, we will be working on the after-school program for the year. We're hoping to again include two shows. Due to potential subject matter in these shows, this program will be limited to 7-12 graders.

Shakesperience

Jessica is at another school today. ***Lisa Van***, Marketing Associate, is representing ***Shakesperience***

At our Studio

- As part of Give Local, we have our annual Shakespeare-a-thon. Our doors are open the entire 36 hours. Everyone is welcome at any time during the schedule of events. You may watch or participate yourself. Lisa has printed copies of the schedule for you to take. She knows all about this, so feel free to ask her questions. You can also email Jessica with any questions.
- **Schedule of Events are attached to this email.**
- Our new Saturday term has started. The 6th-12th grade class has 13 students, three of whom are WAMS 6th graders. (Annabella Parra, Sophia Nguyen, Jemma Mucherino) All three have been regularly attending our programs since the 5th to 6th grade summer program at WAMS
- Auditions for our professional production of Romeo and Juliet have begun.

WAMS

- Thank you for including us in the 7th grade field trip last week. We had a lot of fun and hope students did too (Hanalei was a very dedicated octopus :))
- The Shakespeare class has their Romeo and Juliet performance the week after Spring Break, April 24th and 25th
- Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes auditions next Tuesday. There are a lot of characters in a series of vignettes, which will require double-casting. Jessica met with Nadina, the director, on Monday to talk through actor tracks and how that could work.

Mrs. Case – On April 4, 2024, the following students will be representing WAMS at the CMEA Elementary Honors Festival in Band and Orchestra:

Jamani Brown
Emma Muniz
Sophia Nguyen

May 14, 2024 – Palace Theater – Orchestra & Band performing

Mrs. Alves -

Past and Upcoming events: Save the dates

Cinderella – Palace Theater - March 15th

Our Town – Apron Stage - March 14th, 15th, 16th (all shows - 7pm)

March 19 – Parent Night for College 6pm-7:30 pm

March 20 – Hartford College Fair Grade 11

March 21 – Jane Doe No More presentations - Grades 10, 11, 12 during the school day

March 26 PSAT/SAT Day for all **Grades 9, 10, 11** – Students must be here on time in testing rooms and have a fully charged device –**Grade 6** field trip – Bowling -**Grade 7** field trip to Shakesperience -**Grade 8** Wellness Day

March 26 Book Club 5:30pm – 7pm hosted by Mrs. Betjemann

March 27 Exchange Club Dinner honoring Grace Henderson

March 27 End of MP 3

March 29 NO SCHOOL

April 2 Roller Magic

April 6 Escape Alive Survival Skills Self Defense Class – Atrium at WAMS 1-5pm Registration is limited
<https://www.janedoenomore.org/registration-wams-april-ea>

April 9, 2024 - Waterbury Public School is hosting its art showcase, **Artrageous**— an art exhibit held at the Mattatuck Museum showcasing the fine artworks of its students. The 2024 Artrageous opening night will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Mattatuck Museum. Artrageous Exhibit will continue until April 20, 2024.

[Maxson Artrageous 2024 Press Release.docx](#)

[Invitation English Artrageous 2024 - HOLLY MAXSON.jpg](#) [Invitation Spanish Artrageous 2024 - HOLLY MAXSON.jpg](#)

Newsies – Palace Theater

April 11th - 7pm

April 12th – 12 pm-2pm (School show) & 7pm

April 13th – 1pm

April 25th – Financial Literacy Night 5:30 – 7:30 pm

April 27th – 3rd Autism Education and Awareness Forum 9:00 am – 3 pm Registration is required
www.thesocialchase.org see Attachment

April 30th – Book Club 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

May 6th – STEM Night 5:30 pm – 7pm – hosted by Mrs. Farrell

June 2, 2024 – WAMS Birthday Party – more information to follow

For more information, please check Parent Square

Summer Programs are as follows:

Encore – June 17- June 28 M-F (8 am-12 pm)

Transition program

Grade 6 – July 8 – August 1 M-Thursday (8 am-12 pm)

Grade 9 – July 8 – August 1 M-Friday (8am – 12 pm) Friday's are field trips!!!!

May 8th SGC – 9am