

School Governance Council Meeting 10/9/2024

Attendance:

Dr. Stasaitis

Doug Cheatham

Lisa VanGeersdaele

Isa Alves

Peggy Terhune

Daniel Cocchiola

Joarsis Hernandez-Tapia

Jazmin Alves

Hanalei Cocchiola

Dr. Stasaitis - Introductions

Mr. Cheatham - We have a great year planned at WAMS!

Dr. S - Yondr pouches - more interaction & engagement is taking place. Students are talking in the cafeteria and playing board games.

To date - completed many observations.

Arts - enhancing more classes & pathways. Continue to work on the Arts integration in all classes.

Cormier Consulting - working with Dr. Gavin.

identiMetrics - new process works with PowerSchool. The technology works almost like an iPhone (the finger is scanned by the biometric finger scanner). There is an encrypted binary number linked to ID. No fingerprint image is ever stored. No fingerprints can be recreated from the template. The purpose is to keep accurate records of student attendance. There are 3 shows coming up: *Drowsy Chaperon*, *Pippin*, and *Harry Potter*.

WAMS lottery - 70% and 30% criterias met. Largest number of applicants - 1,400.

Mr. Cheatham - How does the lottery work?

Dr. Stasaitis - An audit is done to ensure the criteria is met. Mrs. Morales (Magnet Specialist) - is doing an awesome job. The 2025-2026 lottery opens October 15, 2024 - December 13, 2024.

Open Houses are Oct 16, 2024 & Nov 20, 2024

A special thank you to the Cocchiola family!!! They have been promoters of WAMS for quite some time now. We currently have 14 students from Watertown, due to all their efforts.

Ms. VanGeersdaele - Shakesperience

At WAMS

- High school: we are doing a production of Merry Wives of Windsor. Scott's Shakespeare class will have their auditions soon.
- Middle School: we have started our second week of rehearsals for A Christmas Carol
- Middle school field trip: to take place on Oct 29 in the Apron theater and using it as a mini-lesson from our after-school program to help recruit students
- After-school: instead of monologues this year, we are planning to bring back our Moebius program in which students start with a scene from Shakespeare and discuss the themes. Then they create their own pieces that explore those themes. The end result could be two different scenes that differ in plot, dialogue, and setting but share a similarity in themes and characterization. Both pieces are part of the final performance. Resident Artists will guide the process, but students are in charge of what they want their final performance to be. Concepts in math and science are used as additional inspiration.

King Lear might become a play focused on big corporations. Math might be used to show Lear dividing his corporation using percentages of stock and the idea of a controlling interest. Julius Caesar might be set on a giant balance scale, showing simple machines symbolizing personal ambition versus greater good.

At Shakesperience

- Saturday classes start this week. So far, we have two WAMS students signed up (Sophia Nguyen and Annabella Parra). Mikayla Labbe will

be volunteering as well. Saturday students also have the opportunity to be part of the holiday show at our studio (auditions to take place Saturday after class at 12:30)

- A Holiday Spectacular brings together our 25 years of holiday shows, kicking off with A Christmas Carol dramatic reading by Doug Slicher on Dec 8th. The following weekend The Gift of Peace and Dia de los Reyes.

Dr. Stasaitis - Working on an 8th trip to New York City with staff - many attractions: 911 Museum, Empire State Building, Metropolitan Museum, etc.

New hire to the Grade 8 team (Language Arts), Naomi Desrochers!!!!
Naomi comes to us with 8 years of teaching experience from Hartford Public Schools!

Miss Hernandez- Tapia - Senior year - challenging herself & taking harder classes. Cares about her future. Interested in going to UCONN for pre- med.

Miss Alves - Freshman - taking all honors classes except for Spanish. Can manage the work. Challenging herself to take AP classes. Great experience coming to WAMS! Concern: Some students don't have access to Google classroom at home.

Dr. Stasaitis - Chromebook - access. There is a new initiative and we are still transitioning students. Chromebook collection, cleaning and refurbishing is almost complete. All classrooms should have their own carts soon.

Miss Cocchiola - Yondr pouch impact. Students are paying more attention. In the near future, consider integrating the phones in the classroom positively.

Mr. Cocchiola - In preparation for the future, for example AI, is there a way to re-integrate cell phones? Possibly a topic for the consulting firm.

Dr. Stasaitis - Working on getting extra magnets. In the near future, if teachers have approved lessons, cell phone use could be a possibility.

Miss Alves - ACES used Launch Pad - a way to restrict students to only use the camera & other apps locked.

Labbe - PTSO President

- **Roller Magic-October 10th**
- **HS Halloween Dance-October 18**
- **MS Halloween Dance-October 25**
- **Vendor Fair and Quarter Auction-December 7**

We will be having fewer meetings and will be incorporating our meetings with family events. Our meetings tend to be short so I want to make sure that it is worth the families time to come to the school.

In addition to the above events, PTSO continues to work on eighth grade & senior scholarship awards, teacher appreciation day and funds raising throughout the year.

Mr. Cocchiola - Discussed art integration - met with Mr. Butler ie. visual arts and subject matter. Marketing for all 3 shows - Is there a way we can fill all the seats? For example, *Harry Potter* will draw big money, marketing, news, publicity, sponsors and flying opportunities!!!!

Dr. Stasaitis - Getting the word out is huge for WAMS! Mr. Schulte is looking for a company to have our kids fly - *Harry Potter*. Goal - the arts school that Connecticut talks about!!!

Mr. Cheatham - WAMS has many opportunities that all of our surrounding towns can benefit from.

Doc - Students are coming from 19 towns (very diverse).

Mr. Cocchiola - We should look to get a spot on the tv, do a morning show, reach out to local tv, and radio stations.

Mrs. Terhune - October 2024

WAMS/Palace

- In September, production meetings were held for the new WAMS dance performance of *Clara in the Land of the Sweets* and for *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

- WAMS' new moving lights were tested at the Palace, as they will be used for *Drowsy Chaperone*.
- WAMS received 50 free tickets to *Hadestown*.
- Looking ahead:
 - Hispanic History presentation Oct 23, 2024.
 - The *Drowsy Chaperone* will be using the stage November 18-24.
- Student John Rush participated in Learning in the Wings on set crew during *Hadestown*'s tech week.
 - He helped with the Front of House operations during *Hadestown* performances.
 - He is also working in concessions and helping manage concessions Inventory.
- The Palace's after-school program will be in March & April, focusing on *Come From Away* and *Dear Evan Hansen* (7-12 grades). We will start sending our registration information in December.

Mrs. Alves - Shared all of the activities to date. Started our events with our families with "Coffee with Counselors." We continued our Book Club and started a Poetry Series for the month of October. We had a successful Community Meeting!! We held our first School Governance Council meeting and had our Title I meeting October 1, 2024. Family engagement with our families is a top priority.

Please see the attachments below.

Dr. Stasaitis - Parents serve a very important role in our schools.

Mrs. Terhune - WAMS merchandise would be a great way to promote our school!

Mr. Cocchiola - Presented the idea of a *WAMS Hall of Fame*. This event could honor former students, teachers, and community members. The event could be a fundraiser with an award ceremony.

Next meeting: November 20th, 2024 @ 9:00 am

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Community Auditions!

Shakesperience Productions is seeking, Spanish speaking, Hispanic Community actors aged 12 & up to perform in our upcoming Production and Tour of "Dia De Los Reyes"

This play tells the story of a Fictional protagonist from Puerto Rico, who relives the Holiday through memory; underlining advocacy and resilience, community and culture, after the tragedy of Hurricane Maria and aftermath in Waterbury, CT.

Production and rehearsals will take place at our studio in downtown Waterbury, CT

Auditions: Thursday October 10th and 17th at 5:30pm & Saturday October 12th 1:00pm at the Shakesperience studio, 117 Bank St, Waterbury, CT

Please email Casting@shakesperienceproductions.org or call 203-754-2531



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THE SHAKESPERIENCE APPROACH

Whether teaching, or rehearsing to perform for our diverse audience, the Shakesperience Approach focuses on creating thought provoking, socially aware, and artistically excellent productions celebrating and using language to create action while developing a positive ensemble. Individual performers develop a defined sense of self through the creation of and interaction with a strong ensemble. Both actor and audience utilize their unique relationship to experience a heightened sense of reflection on the performance. Shakesperience Productions' professional artists create programming rooted in classical literature while celebrating, examining, and experiencing humanity and human experience.

OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Emily Mattina:
Ms. Mattina earned a B.A. from the University of New Hampshire with a major in Theater and an M.A. in 17th Century English Literature with an emphasis on Shakespeare from the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England. A founder of Shakesperience Productions, Inc., she has led the art and education programs since the company's inception. She developed the Shakesperience Approach through the many workshops and residency programs under her direction.

FALL SESSION

October 12 – December 7

No class on Saturday November 30

Gift of the Magi

Students will perform alongside our resident professional actors to bring Emily Matina's adaptation of the classic holiday tale to life.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am

Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)

Location Shakesperience Studio

Holidays with the Three Kings

Using their magic snow glove, The Three Kings watch dramatizations of how Waterbury Residents celebrate different Holidays during the winter season. Scenes based on interviews and research done in conjunction with our Neighborhoods! Program.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm

Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)

Location Shakesperience Studio



WINTER SESSION

January 4 – February 15

Snow date February 22

Exploring Folklore

Students explore characters and themes in folktales from many different cultures. Students are able to delve deeper into topics introduced in our Folklore Workshop.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am

Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)

Location Shakesperience Studio, Waterbury

Julius Caesar

This tragedy by William Shakespeare shows a fictional account of Caesar's rise to emperor, the conspiracy to his assassination, and the violence and war that follows all wrapped up in supernatural forces including a soothsayer and Caesar's ghost.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm

Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)

Location Shakesperience Studio

**Contact us to register
for any of these classes!**



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SPRING SESSION

March 8 – April 26

No class April 19

Exploring Mythology

Students explore characters and themes in myths from many different cultures. Students are able to delve deeper into topics introduced in our Mythology Workshop.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am

Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)

Location Shakesperience Studio

***Additional performance during Give Local**

Shakespeare Title

By popular demand, this year will include TWO Shakespeare plays. This second play will be announced at a later date.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm

Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)

Location Shakesperience Studio

***Additional performance during Give Local**



Coffee with Attendance Counselor

**September 19th
@10:00 am
Main Office
Conference Room**



Meet our Attendance
Counselor Mr. Barclay and
learn about the Attendance
Policy and helpful hints on
getting your child to school
on time.



RSVP - light
breakfast will be
served



Isa Alves

Parent Liaison

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350TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Friday, Sept. 27, 2024
4:00-8:30pm
Waterbury Green

- Food trucks
- Family-friendly games
- Stage with local musicians
- I Love Waterbury social media area

THE GATHERING PARADE & CULTURAL FAIR

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024
11:00am-7:00pm
Library Park

- Cuisine from around the world
- Cultural music
- Entertainment
- Kids games & activities





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PERFORMERS & SPEAKERS

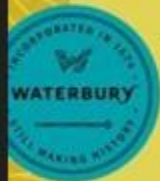
Timmy Maia

Jim O'Rourke, Master of Ceremonies

Measured Soul • City of Waterbury Processional • City Officials
National Anthem by Andrea Deyo • American Revolutionary Shoot-Off
John Murray • Mexican Folkloric Dancers • Maloney Elementary School
Crosby High School • John F. Kennedy High School • Wilby High School
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ACTIVITIES

Train Rides • Strolling Stilt Walkers • Strolling Juggler • Face Painters
Glitter Tattoo Artist • Interactive Circus Station with Circus Artists
Caricaturist • Photo Booth • History Video Section



FOOD TRUCKS

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Waterbury History Magazine • Waterbury Hospital • Waterbury Neighborhood Council
Waterbury PAL • Waterbury Police Department • Waterbury Promise
Waterbury Public Schools, Pupil Services Department • Waterbury UNICO
Waterbury Veterans Committee



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Student and Parent

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

In the cafeteria

A light dinner will be served



For questions or a copy of the book, please contact

Ms. Alves at isa.alves@waterbury.k12.ct.us

or Ms. Betjemann at

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Student and Parent Poetry Series

with poet Joseph Adomavicia



Poetry in General, October 2, 6:00 - 7:30

How to Be an Author, October 9, 6:00 - 7:30

Blackout Poetry, October 16, 6:00 - 7:30

Japanese Poetry, October 23, 6:00 - 7:30

Critiques and Open Mic, October 30, 6:00 - 8:00

a light dinner will be served

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October 16, 2024 5:00 PM

November 20, 2024 5:00 PM

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Applications will be available online for the 2025-2026 school year

Starting Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 8:00 am

<https://wams.novuschoice.com>

**Applications must be submitted no later than
Friday, December 13, 2024 at 11:59 pm**

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Altered Book Art

Combine collage, book art, and mixed media, in this altered books art journaling workshop by local artist, Lauren Smith of

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