

**Walnut Acres Parent Faculty Club
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Cherise Khaund. Introductions were made around the room.

Board Members Present: Cherise Khaund, Colleen Dowd, Marita Louw, Hanna Svensson Grant, Elise Lewis, Brooke Giddings, Danielle Getty, Carolyn Alekna, Dulce Conley, Lila Samady, Jill Riddlehoover, Erin Eyerly, Gosia Rees, Jessica Johnson, Bobbi Clark, Masayo Lange, Terri Lindeman, Sheila Walsh, Shakeya St. Julien Garcia, Rachel Castillo, Megan McBride, Anna Halverson, Jennifer Rohrlick

Non-Board Members Present: Lia Bush, Ryley Katz, Radu Murgescu, Sharon Lund, Joshua Miller, Heather Le Sieur, Carrie Million, Kenzie Halperin, Candice Jimenez, Libby Oda, Janine Brown, Tim Lennon

Approval of May Minutes: Marita Louw

Motion to approve the May minutes by Anna Halverson. Seconded by Tim Lennon. Vote by show of hands. Majority yes, zero no's, zero abstentions. May minutes approved.

State of our School: Colleen Dowd, Principal

Summer Activities

Chrissie reports that the intervention program was successful. Galileo happy and kids seem very engaged. They finish this Friday. WACC camp and Curtains Up! shared space successfully.

All new teachers provided introductory training in Workshop. Many teachers participated in a variety of summer training topics offered through the district. 10 of our teachers involved in Math Recovery training and have already begun implementing.

Personnel

Full slate of classroom teachers.
New classroom teachers are Cheryl Gerbacio, Rachel Proctor, and Mia Carella.
New RSP is Nancy Frazier.
Joanne is assigned to our school for 2 ½ days a week!
No new instrumental music teacher or vocal music teacher yet.

Facility

Consuelo (our custodian) is working very hard! She moved 14 rooms this summer.

B7 will be a special ed and resource room. At least 2 certificated adults will be in there each morning so hopefully we can resume learning center volunteer work. The circulation desk has been removed from the room and we just got new linoleum tile flooring.

Libby (our librarian) culled 25 boxes of books from the library. We have ordered new furniture and the circulation desk along with ½ walls, a rug, and possibly shelving under the windows will be removed during winter break. The flooring will be replaced by carpet squares. Old electrical tubes have been removed. Lights will not come free as hoped.

Patty (our site tech paid for with PFC funds) is reformulating the computer lab as a Colab. She has purchased furniture and some materials to provide a technology-focused makerspace sort of experience for kids.

The portable is still a question. It will cost about \$255,000 with grading and utilities. (This does not include lease costs!) We are considering moving our future Colab to that space rather than at the front of the school in order to make the Colab a reality and build on the money that would be spent by WACC.

Enrollment

As of 6/24/16 we are at 628 students plus our 3 SDC classes. Families are still coming in to the office to register.

At this point, the district has staffed each elementary site with a mean of 24:1 student to teacher ratios in K through 3rd grade. However, with that staffing now in place, all students who register will remain at our site until the negotiated maximum number of students is attained (32 in K and 31 in 1st-3rd.)

Jaguar Day is 3-7:00 p.m. on 8/18. We hope our online information-update pilot is a success.

C&I

We will continue to transform ourselves into a student-owned, rigorous, engaging learning community.

We are a Reading and Writing Workshop school! Coaching and lesson plan writing will continue.

We will be exploring NGSS including robotics/engineering with all students.

We will be experimenting with Math Recovery and a district coach may be learning alongside us. (This will not include all teachers at this point.)

We will have an ongoing discussion of climate and mindfulness over the year.

Happening Now:

Activities

Jaguar Day- Marita Louw

Parents can get their class assignments between 3pm-7pm, time divided by last name. You can also pick up your class supplies, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and donate to Jaguar fund. If you are volunteering on Jaguar day and you have completed your paperwork online you can pick up your class assignments in advance between 2:30-3pm on Jaguar Day.

New Family- Jennifer Rohrlack, Rachel Castillo

New Parents orientation was a success. There will be a brown bag picnic lunch on Friday from 11:30-12:30 for 1st-5th graders who are new. Current students will attend and do tours.

Directory:

Register for Konstella for all classroom and school level communications. Log in to Konstella to add your student to this year's classroom.

Back to School Coffee- Marita Louw

The back to school coffee will be right after drop-off. Coffee and refreshments will be served across from the office.

Ice Cream Social- Marita Louw

This year's ice cream social will be held on Friday Sept 9th, from 6-8pm.

Drive Thru- Bobbi Clark

Please read through the drive thru instructions posted on the website if you are new to the drive thru process. Attendants will be on black top as of 7:45am, it's ok to drop off at that time. Before 7:30am students must be supervised on campus.

Fundraisers:

Jaguar Fund: Anna Halverson

Why did we increase the Jaguar Fund requested donation (ask)? 1) there will be no live auction this year 2) our unallocated strategic fund is gone. \$650 is the amount required for the services we provide. Donations are tax deductible, please check with your company for a possible corporate match.

Online Auction: Danielle Getty

The online auction will be held the last week in February. We are trying to increase the number of buy-in parties. Buy-in party tickets will begin selling the second week in October.

Shop N Earn: Jill Riddlehoover

There are five different opportunities for shopping and earning for Walnut Acres. A flier will be available at Jaguar day. The same information is available on the PFC website.

Treasurer-Budget, Hanna Svensson Grant

Budgeted \$316,000 for the 2016-17 school year, posted on website, next meeting we will discuss the close of last year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm by Cherise Khaund.

Next PFC Meeting: September 20, 2016 at 7pm in the Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Giddings, PFC Secretary