

Woodville Tompkins School Council Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2016

Agenda:

1. Call to order.
2. Review of last meeting minutes.
3. New parent members committee report.
4. Appointment of teachers for 2016-2017 school year.
5. School update – Mr. McGuire
6. Member concerns
7. Upcoming events
8. Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 12:35 pm.

Members present: Alfred McGuire, Shatealy Johnson, Lauren Tillman, Leslie Magda

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Parent and business partner members were discussed. We currently have three parent members: Shatealy Johnson, Dave Gibson, and Kendra Jones. Miranda Gillis will be replacing Frances Moody as our GeoVista business partner member. She is currently our only business partner member. We need one more business partner member. However if we decide to get more than one business partner member, we will need more parent members. We must have one more parent member than business partner members.

Options for a new business partner member are:

Carl Gilyard is a pastor who runs Savannah Feed the Hungry program. He often works in our school using the culinary department for his program. He has expressed an interest in being a member of our school council.

Johnny McDonald is an academic advisor at Savannah State University. He also has expressed interest in being a member of our school council.

Chris Nowicki is the Community Investment Specialist at Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation. Since we have the aviation program, having a member from Gulfstream seemed appropriate. Chris already works with our school and students through the SLP program.

An email will be sent to all members asking for their thoughts and opinions on who should be asked to be a new business partner member of our school council so that we can hopefully have him/them in attendance at our next meeting.

School Updates:

- Woodville-Tompkins science teacher, Cecilia Nix, is one of 30 science teachers from around the country to be chosen as Lockheed Martin-NSTA Fellows. As a Fellow, Nix will have an opportunity to participate in a number of science-related activities and professional learning opportunities even going to LA in the spring. See the link below for the report by WTOC.

http://m.wtoc.com/wtoc/db_350145/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pNA3HIVv

- Increased enrollment at our school has put us at maximum capacity. The new building that was supposed to be ready for this school year has been delayed until next year. We had 600 students apply this year and have 200 9th graders on the waiting list.
- We are in volleyball and cross country season. Basketball will be getting started soon. In the spring we have soccer. And we are adding track and field this year to our spring sports!
- The Georgia Research Center and South Carolina Marine Research Center are making a documentary on environmentalism. They will be coming to our school on October 13th and 14th to interview 2 students for the documentary. The students chosen are Amari McDonald and Alex Naylor-Johnson. There will be a conference on the 15th showcasing the documentary.
- The Governor's Office of Achievement gave Woodville the Golden Award last year which reflects our greatest gains. However unknown to us, Woodville was also given the "Beating the Odds" award which looks at free/reduced lunch numbers, female/male ratio, ethnic diversity of students, etc to determine which school still achieves despite possible hardships. There was an article about Woodville in the Atlanta Journal Constitution and Georgia Public Broadcasting wants to make a documentary about our school and how we are unique!
- Mr. McGuire is looking into getting another copy machine for the staff.
- Concerns- Late busses continue to be a problem. Two routes in particular get to school extremely late everyday causing students to miss 1st and possible 2nd periods.

Upcoming Events:

- College Fair and Senior Parent night is next Tuesday, September 27th. The fair is from 5-6:30. Senior meeting starts at 6:30.
- College tours:
11th grade- Valdosta, 10th grade – Georgia Southern, 9th grade – Savannah State and Armstrong. Also there is a possibility of a senior college tour as well.
- On October 4th at Jason's Deli there will be a fundraiser. 10% of all sales comes back to Woodville.
- Discussion on when our other meetings will occur. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 3rd at 12:30. Tentative plan is to have the other two meetings in February and April of 2017.

The lack of refreshments was again noticed and Mr. McGuire said he would provide some cookies for us next time. ☺

No additional concerns were mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted-

Leslie Magda

Woodville Tompkins School Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017

Agenda:

1. Call to order.
2. Review of last meeting minutes.
3. New parent members and new business partners discussed.
4. School update – Mr. McGuire
5. Upcoming events
6. Member Concerns
7. Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 11:08 am.

Members present: Alfred McGuire, Shatealy Johnson, Kendra Jones, Miranda Gillis, Lauren Tillman, Leslie Magda

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Parent and business partner members were discussed. We currently have three parent members: Shatealy Johnson, Dave Gibson, and Kendra Jones. Miranda Gillis is currently our only business partner member. We discussed asking Johnny McDonald and Chris Nowicki to become business partners. If both agree to become business partner members, we will need another parent member; (we must have one more parent member than business partner members). We discussed sending out parent member ballots at the next PTSA meeting.

School Updates:

- Woodville-Tompkins Girls Basketball team made it to the Final Four!!
- Woodville was named an AP Access and Support School from Georgia - This was achieved by having 30% of our students taking and passing an AP exam with a 3 or more. Only 71 schools in Georgia received this honor.
- Woodville was also named a “Beating the Odds” school – This was achieved by beating our projected numbers the past two years based. The numbers were based on our demographics, social economic status of status, and previous performance of our students. Only 200 schools in Georgia achieved this honor.
- On Monday, Mr. McGuire, Chef Bosier, and some culinary students went to Education Day at the Capital. They met Governor Deal.
- Woodville is concluding the lottery process this week. We anticipate 170 new freshman for the next school year. Enrollment in general is expected to increase next year. Fortunately the new building will be operating by then. Aviation and all current Annex classes (Firefighting and Automotives) will be taught in the new wing eliminating the need for bus transportation during the school day.

- Seniors and select Juniors recently visited Kennesaw State University. International Paper donated \$1500 for the event. Juniors visited Valdosta State College and the Sophomores will be visiting Georgia Southern on March 16th.
- Dual Enrollment night was to happen this evening.
 - Woodville has the most students who are in dual enrollment of any school in the county.
 - 71% of last year's graduates graduated with at least one college credit.
 - The Valedictorian, Kate Polyakova, graduated with 21 college credits toward her diploma at Georgia Tech and the Salutatorian, Ashley Rivera, graduated with 31 college credits.
- Mr. McGuire was not able to get another a copy machine for the staff. We have started using an on-line copy service as an alternate option.
- The College Fair will take place on March 7th from 5:30 to 6:30. Ten colleges should be present including Kennesaw, Valdosta, Georgia Southern, Georgia Middle College, Point University, Savannah Tech, Savannah State, and Armstrong. There will be a meeting at 6:30 with the rising Seniors.
- PTSA will conduct its next meeting on March 9th.
- Concerns- Late busses have become slightly less of a problem.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th at 11:00.

No additional concerns were mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted-

Leslie Magda

Woodville Tompkins School Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017

Agenda:

1. Call to order.
2. Review of last meeting minutes.
3. New parent members and new business partners committee report.
4. School update – Mr. McGuire
5. Upcoming events
6. Member Concerns
7. Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 11:13 am.

Members present: Alfred McGuire, Kendra Jones, Miranda Gillis, Leslie Magda

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Parent and business partner members were discussed. We currently have three parent members: Shatealy Johnson, Dave Gibson, and Kendra Jones. Miranda Gillis is currently our only business partner member. Mr. McGuire spoke with Chris Nowicki about joining as a business partner from Gulfstream and while interested, he is concerned about having conflicts with other responsibilities. He would need the meeting dates for next year ASAP to confirm he is available. Mr. McGuire also spoke to Johnny McDonald and he is still interested in becoming a business partner. If we take both as new business partners, we will need one more parent member. However very little interest was shown at the last PTA meeting. Mr. McGuire will send out an "ALL CALL" to parents to see if there is any interest to become a member. We can also ask parents of incoming 9th graders at the Open House on May 10th. If more than one person has interest, it can be voted upon at the next PTA meeting which will be at the beginning of next year.

School Updates:

- Woodville-Tompkins Girls and Boys soccer teams have made it to the playoffs!!
- Wrapping up the school year
- GMAS, AP, SLOs, and Career Tech exams will be happening in the next month
- New building is still being worked on but coming along nicely! The roof is on, the walls are up, electricity has gone in, and the intercom system is working! It is projected to be done by the end of this school year. With its opening, the 500 wing will get three new class rooms.
- The lottery process is done. A little over 200 students have been accepted (the majority of which are 9th graders). About 25 new 10th and 11th graders were accepted as transfers.
- Enrollment will be up. We anticipate close to 600 students next year.
- Graduation will be on

Upcoming Events-

Awards Ceremony "Breakfast"

New students (current middle schoolers) will visit on May 4th.

Concerns-

- GMAS testing- Are parent volunteers needed? Snacks and juice prior to testing is always helpful.
- Driver's License Information – Classes are offered all year long at Savannah Tech. Mrs. Jones knows a person there who would like to come speak to parents to make them aware of all the information and classes. It was suggested that the best time for this would be at a PTA meeting, our Open House, and/or the Showcase next year.

The next meeting will be at the beginning of next school year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

On another note, I have served as a teacher member on the School Council for 2 years (one year as secretary) thus I have reached the term limit and will not be a member next year. The school will call for those teachers interested in serving and will take a vote on the new member. Ms. Tillman will take over duties as secretary for the next school year.

Respectfully submitted-

Leslie Magda