

**MINUTES OF THE WINDSOR FOREST HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
April 12, 2017**

The Windsor Forest School Council met in regular session on April 12, 2017 at 12:00pm.

The meeting was held at Windsor Forest High School, Media Center Conference Room.

School Council Members present:

Derrick Butler, Dana Davis, Michele Hooker, Diane Robinson, Barbara Shamberger, Gordon Teems, Ray Truitt, Mel Whitehead, Leroy Zimmerman

School Council Members absent:

Captain Lenny Gunther, Zena McClain-Hayman, Korey Singleton

Additional Guests present:

Larry Lower (School Board Member)

Minutes from Meeting

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:08pm.

2. Agenda, Philosophy, and Norms

Principal Butler distributed the agenda; as meetings are open to the public, guests were welcomed. Mrs. Robinson asked for review of the minutes of the two previous school council meetings (12-7-16 and 2-8-17) which were approved by voice vote.

3. State of the School Report of Principal

Principal Butler reported to the school council on the following:

- Academics
 - GMAS testing upcoming, beginning 4/24
 - IB Exams/AP Tests – preparation is underway for May testing
 - WFHS recognized as an AP Honor School based on percentage of students taking AP courses and results of students on AP tests
- School Climate & Safety Report
 - Staff receives weekly updates via bulletins about discipline and safety
 - Discipline incidents decreased from February to March
 - ERT/Safety Team Report (Officer Teems)
 - Campus Police assisted with security review
 - Assessed camera surveillance & ID'd cameras to be replaced, blind spots that need cameras
 - Fence to be installed around the band room and agricultural science lab to improve student safety in those open campus areas
- March Newsletter
 - Sent to parents by email and posted on website
 - Upcoming dates of importance
 - Drama Event – 4/13

- Prom – 4/22
- Cultural fair – 4/26 at 6:00pm
- Band Concert – 5/10
- Chorus Concert – 5/11
- Honors Night/Showcase – TBA
- Graduation – 5/26 at 12:00pm
- Savannah Bananas WFHS night – 6/10
 - Part of 50th anniversary alumni celebration
 - Supported by Sports Marketing CTAE pathway
- 50th anniversary alumni events – 6/26-6/27
 - Committee is finalizing events
 - Question from Mr. Lower – Does the school council want to do something to support the alumni event?
- Facilities Updates
 - Café finished exception for some minor cosmetic/aesthetic finishes
 - Window transparency being addressed
 - Mr. Lower shared additional insight on future updates
 - Auditorium is planned for in next ESPLOST (“maybe” 2019-20)
 - Preference is for standalone so that will not need to be torn down during eventual school building update
 - Requested school council support to push for this versus remodeling old gym to auditorium
 - Athletic fields will be updated (no date suggested)
 - Restrooms at front of campus to be updated for ADA compliance during the summer; should not impact the start of school
 - Band room to become construction lab; completion by end of 1st semester 2017-18

4. Community News/Business Partner Updates/Discussion

- Mrs. Robinson shared her recent experience at a presentation on human trafficking concerns, especially pertaining to children and teens.
- Mrs. Shamberger shared that the next PTA meeting would be held in conjunction with the Honors Night/Showcase. PTA received Model PTA funds for 2016 and will be resubmitting the application for 2017.
- Mr. Zimmerman shared a number of recent and upcoming 100 Black Men of Savannah events:
 - Entrepreneurship Event
 - 100 Wall Street mentoring club will be travelling to New Orleans in June for competition at the national conference; will be competing in “Dollars & Sense” and “African-American History” events
 - College prep summer camp will be held in July at either Jenkins or WFHS
- A question was asked of Principal Butler about bringing rising 9th graders to the campus to familiarize them with high school prior to the end of the school year. WFHS guidance department and SWMS are discussing future “teacher exchanges” to assist with the high school transition.

5. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.

[The next regular meeting of the Windsor Forest School Council will be held at the beginning of new school year in Fall 2017]