

MINUTES

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies Regional School Board Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2010

9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Dianne Pettitt, Chairman of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional School Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Introductions

Each Board member introduced him or herself and stated their locality, (listed in alphabetical order by locality).

Present:

Mrs. Barbara Crawley, *School Board*, Charles City Public Schools
Mrs. Dianne Pettitt, *School Board*, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Mr. John Axselle, *School Board*, Hanover County Public Schools
Mrs. Lisa Marshall, *School Board*, Henrico County Public Schools
Mrs. Gwynn Litchfield, *School Board*, King & Queen Public Schools
Mrs. Teresa Lindsay, *School Board*, New Kent Public Schools
Mr. Kenneth Pritchett, *School Board*, Petersburg Public Schools
Mrs. Dudley Olsson, *School Board*, West Point Public Schools
Dr. Janet Crawley, **Superintendent**, Charles City Public Schools
Dr. Marcus J. Newsome, **Superintendent**, Chesterfield County Public Schools
Dr. Linda Underwood, **Superintendent**, Goochland County Public Schools
Dr. Stewart Roberson, **Superintendent**, Hanover County Public Schools
Dr. Pat Russo, **Superintendent**, Henrico County Public Schools
Dr. Richard Layman, **Superintendent**, King and Queen Public Schools
Dr. Robert Richardson, **Superintendent**, New Kent Public Schools
Dr. James Victory, **Superintendent**, Petersburg Public Schools
Mr. Bill Craig, Assistant Superintendent for Dr. Margaret Meara, **Superintendent**, Powhatan County Public Schools
Dr. Bobby Browder, **Superintendent**, Prince George Public Schools
Dr. Yvonne Brandon, **Superintendent**, Richmond Public Schools
Mrs. Linda Minor, Director of Instruction for Dr. Jeffrey Smith, **Superintendent**, West Point Public Schools
Mr. Fred S. Morton IV, **Director**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Barbara Marshall, **Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Mrs. Megan Marcinkevich, **Deputy Clerk**, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

Absent:

Mr. Ivan Mattox, *School Board*, Goochland County Public Schools
Mrs. Valarie Ayers, *School Board*, Powhatan Public Schools
Mr. Robert Cox, *School Board*, Prince George Public Schools
Ms. Kimberly Gray, *School Board*, Richmond Public Schools

Also present:

Patti Chappell, Pat Taylor, Rachel Loving, and Sharon Parker - MLWGS Staff, Bill Yates – Parent, Vicki Tito – Parent, Hall Waller - GS Foundation, Neil Amin – Class of 1996, Jane Carlson - Chesterfield Public Education Foundation, Angela Dews – Richmond Education Association, and three Henrico Student Government Shadow Students: Margaret Austin Stokes, Da-Quan Love and Katrin Rombach.

III. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Gwen Litchfield, the agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Kenneth Pritchett, seconded by Barbara Crawley, the minutes of March 18, 2010 were unanimously approved.

V. Recognitions

Mr. Neil Amin, CEO of Shamin Hotels, MLWGS Class of 1996, was recognized by Ms. Jane Carlson as the 2010 Winner of the **Chesterfield Public Education Foundation (CPEF) Bravo! Award.** A banner has been provided to be displayed at Maggie Walker recognizing the achievement of high school graduates who have distinguished themselves.

National Merit Scholarship Winners receive a \$2,500.00 award.

Henrico:

Dylan Kolhoff

Richmond:

Jocelyn Powelson

2010 Richmond Metro Science Fair Winners, accompanied by Pam Edgerton, Science Department Chair, described their research projects presented at the RMSF on March 27th at Powhatan High School.

Chesterfield: **Om Evani** won First in Category in Biochemistry for his work on the characterization and expression of the protein sike. Om Also received recognition by the US military for his research.

Chesterfield: **Will Thomason** won First in Category in Computer Science for his research using Java programming on artificial intelligence. Will was also selected as an alternate to go the ISF.

Henrico: **Saumil Bandyopadhyay** won the Grand Prize in the Senior Chemistry Category for his project – Mimicking the Lotus Leaf: Employing Corrosion to Engineer a Hydrophobic Surface Using Cassie-Baxter Wetting. Saumil advances to the Intel

International Science and Engineering Fair (ISF) in San Jose, CA accompanied by one MLWGS faculty members.

National Scholastic Art and Writing Award Winners represented today by Pat Taylor, Coordinator of Curriculum, on behalf of faculty members Jeff Hall, Denise Yagel and Sherri Arnold, were recognized as distinguished winners in this highly competitive national program. In MLWGS history, there have been two prior Art award winners, but never a national winner in Writing. These students and their teachers travel on June 9th to New York City to be presented their awards at Carnegie Hall.

Henrico:	Ben Kenzer – Poetry
Richmond:	Deanna Gulick – Drawings
	Elizabeth Ballou – Short Fiction

Latin League First Place Finishes lead by Dr. Cliff Broeniman, Latin Teacher. Twenty eight Maggie Walker students competed along with approximately 1,500 other students, in the Virginia Junior Classical League Convention held in Richmond during November, 2009. Overall, MLWGS earned twenty three Top 4 Finishes, 65 Top Ten Finishes and four First Place Finishes won by:

Chesterfield:	Melody Wang
Hanover:	Selana Kitchens
Henrico:	Joe Martin
Richmond:	Elizabeth Ballou

Recognitions just received and not included in the board packet:

Moody Mega Math Challenge (Math Modeling National Competition). Maggie Walker was selected as one of 6 teams to compete in New York City within the next two weeks in this prestigious competition from out of 530 other teams across the country which submitted solutions to the following problem: “Making Sense of the 2010 Census...to Count or Not to Count. That is the Question.” These six teams will be competing for prizes ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000. Of note, Maggie Walker’s second team was selected as an alternate to this competition. Mr. Morton will advise the Board of the outcome of this competition at their May meeting.

Video Clips of Aida, performed by MLWGS Students. Copies of the production in its entirety will be available for the Board and Superintendent’s to watch upon request.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Director’s Report

Mr. Morton updated the following activities for the Board:

- **New Student Shadow Days March 29-31, 2010.** Students offered acceptance to MLWGS from each division spent an entire day paired with Walker students visiting classrooms and activities providing them with information about an academic day at MLWGS designed to assist them make an intelligent decision about their academic future. Mr. Morton shared time each day with these students collectively where he emphasized issues such as planning ahead and the importance of community service.

MLWGS will host Freshmen Registration on May 10th for the Class of 2014 where students sign-up for their classes. Additionally, we plan to introduce a new event for freshmen parents to be held before the end of this academic year designed to help them help their child prepare with summer activities that make the student transition easier.

Also, at the conclusion of Shadow Week, MLWGS conducted Arena Scheduling for next year classes on Thursday and Friday.

- **French Exchange.** Mrs. Barrett Brown and Mr. Jeff Hall lead twelve MLWGS students on the first French Exchange this school has undertaken in ten years. The group traveled to Toulouse where they found the citizens to be very welcoming. Each of our students had an extraordinary experience. The second part of this exchange will occur at the end of the week when the French contingent arrives for a 9-10 visit at MLWGS. Mr. Morton stated it takes learning to a different level to experience that learning immersed and living in each other's homes.

Mr. Morton shared plans of MLWGS ASL Teacher, Brenda Thornton, who is preparing to take a small group of students to Guatemala this summer. This is not a school sponsored activity and Ms. Thornton is meeting independently outside of school with her participants. However, a component of this visit will have the students volunteer at a deaf school in country and Ms. Thornton requested a clarification about the eligibility to earn community service for their efforts. Mr. Morton assured her this work would absolutely qualify. As MLWGS continues to think about and look at these types of connections given the international component of this school, it is Mr. Morton's vision that every student who desires the opportunity to travel abroad has that chance.

Coming Events are included in each packet on pages 22 through 24 for review. Mr. Morton noted the following activities: The We the People team will be in Washington to compete at nationals April 24th – 26th, the annual MLWGS Talent Show on April 28th, and Mrs. Taylor retirement celebration on April 30th.

VIII. Action Items

a. Textbook Adoption

There being no questions or discussion regarding the titles recommended on page 27 in the Board packet, originally submitted March 18, 2010 for review; on motion by

Lisa Marshall, seconded by Barbara Crawley, all textbook titles submitted were unanimously approved. (Complete list provided below)

Department	Course Title	Text Title	Publisher
Social Studies	Global Studies I & II	<i>World History, 6th ed.</i>	Wadsworth/Cengage Learning 2010
International Languages	French I	<i>Bien Dit! French I</i>	Holt, Rinehart, & Winston
	French II	<i>Bien Dit! French II</i>	Holt, Rinehart, & Winston
	French III	<i>Bien Dit! French III</i>	Holt, Rinehart, & Winston
Science	Molecular Biology	<i>Biology</i>	Holt/McDougal
	Meteorology	<i>The Atmosphere: An Introduction to Meteorology</i>	Pearson Education, Inc.
English	World Literature & Composition I & II	<i>Literature and Composition: Reading, Writing, Thinking</i>	Bedford St. Martin's; Bedford, Freeman, and Worth
Mathematics	Algebra II & Algebra II Plus	<i>Intermediate Algebra, 2nd ed.</i>	John Wiley & Sons
	Equations, Functions, & Problem Solving	<i>Introductory Algebra: Everyday Explorations, 4th ed.</i>	Houghton Mifflin Company

b. 2010-2011 MLWGS Operating Calendar

There being no questions or discussion regarding the proposed operating calendar listed on pages 30 and 31 in the Board packet, originally submitted March 18, 2010 for review; on motion by John Axselle, seconded by Kenneth Pritchett, the 2010-2011 MLWGS Operating Calendar was unanimously approved.

c. Personnel Contracts for 2010-2011

This annual authorization allows the Director to apply human resource policies and salary scales in issuing contracts to faculty and staff. There being no questions or discussion regarding this request, on motion by Barbara Crawley, seconded by Lisa Marshall the aforementioned authorization was unanimously approved.

IX. Materials for Board Review

None

X. Informational Items Provided

2009-2010 Student Awards & Recognitions (to date)

MLWGS News Items:

- Former UN Ambassador Visits MLWGS
- Robotics Team Competition Results
- MLWGS Alumni Speaks on Experience in Haiti

Mr. Morton is working with Mr. Waller to develop an email notification system for Board members as these recognitions are awarded.

XI. Superintendent's Steering Committee Meeting

None

XII. Closed Meeting

None

XIII. Certification of Closed Meeting and any action, if necessary, as a result of closed meeting.

None

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

XV. Next Meeting

June 24, 2010 at 9:00am. MLWGS Board Room, 1000 N. Lombardy St., Room 226, Richmond, VA 23220. 804-354-6800 x2190 or x2111.

Dianne Pettitt, Chairman

Fred S. Morton IV, Director

Minutes Recorded by:
Barbara Marshall, Regional Board Clerk