

September 10, 2015

WCS Shared Decision Meeting

Location: WCS Board Room

Attendees: Roger B. Clough II, Walton Central School District  
Michael Snider, Townsend Elementary School  
Michelle Reed, Walton Central School District  
Gregory Dale, Walton Central School District  
Lori Cetta, Walton Teachers' Association  
Kelly Gates, Walton Teachers' Association  
Thomas Maxwell, Walton Teachers' Association  
Kate Minde, Walton Teachers' Association  
Eric Scofield, Walton Teachers' Association  
Chad Hall, Parent  
Mary Phraner, PTA  
Jennifer Wright, PTA  
Jennifer Fay, Board of Education Advisory  
Frank Ward, Board of Education Advisory  
Jodie Day, PTSA Advisory  
Joyce Bishop, Invited Community  
Marilynn Lewis, Invited Community  
Lori Connolly, Invited Community  
Jon Brooks, Invited Community

Meeting Start: 6:00 pm

- The meeting started with Roger Clough giving an overview of the agenda and introductions
  - The plan was reviewed briefly and handed out to all at the meeting
  - Guidelines
  - Plan
  - Suggestions/topics to be addressed
- The plan can be amended at any time, and approved by the board of education
- The groups is to recommend solutions to educational problems and is focused on the students
- Four students will be invited to attend the next meeting; these will likely be class officers
- The group will meet at least 3 times per year, but it is the goal of the group to meet more often (such as monthly) to try to effect more of a positive change.
  - Meetings will be scheduled on Thursdays, when possible, to obtain maximum attendance
  - No specific number is required in attendance to be an official meeting
  - The group can meet as individuals if they want to
- When the open discussion started, the following items were discussed
  - Mrs. Lewis asked if there were anything scheduled at the school for anti-bullying
    - Under the discipline section, the group can discuss bullying
    - There will be T-shirts at the elementary school for anti-bullying
    - Annual anti-bullying kick-off meeting at the elementary school is scheduled for Wednesday September 16, per Mike Snider



- It was suggested that perhaps the volunteers could be trained
    - The cost of this was questioned
    - It takes a long time to train active teachers on common core and would be difficult to train others in the new methods of learning
  - Mrs. Bishop asked about the PTA accepting extended family member and volunteers
    - Someone suggested that the PTA has a charter to only accept parents
    - Someone suggested the PTSA may allow non-family members
    - Mr. Clough said he will look into the PTA accept non-family members
  - Mr. Clough brought up the past “Step by Step” program that had local mentors from teachers, business leaders, parents, etc. The program was implemented, advertised in the Walton Reporter and on the district website, and only one or two people signed up and the program was not active
    - Mr. Clough will look into having this program again
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- The next meeting will be held October 22, 2015 at the WCS board room in the high school.
  - The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm