

WHS School Council Meeting Minutes: 9/16/2021

**Date:** 9.16.2021

**Meeting Time:** 4:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

**Meeting Called By:** J. Mark Smith

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Principal:** J. Mark Smith

**Note Taker:** Sawyer Henderson

**Council Members:** Mark Smith, Amy Williamson, Sawyer Henderson, Robert Tidwell, Robert Mitchell, Shanell Lightfoot, David Nelson, Matt McKenna, Evelyn James, Jalayna Maina, Brittany Cooper, Amino Borrero, Lorayne Jones

**Guest Attendees:** Adam Johnson, Meagan Waid

**Agenda Items:**

**Time:** 30 Minutes

**Topic: Administrative Updates: School Council Overview & Elections**

**Presenter: J. Mark Smith**

**Discussion:**

- As this is the first meeting, Mr. Smith began the meeting and school council members introduced themselves
- Mr. Smith presented an overview of School Councils, including the duties and responsibilities of individual members, purpose/function of the Council, election of members, duration of member terms, the role of the principal, chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, a link for the bylaws, open records, and guidelines surrounding confidential records
- A copy of the presentation can be found on the Woodstock High School website
- Officer elections occurred for the Council. The following members were voted into the following positions:

**Chairperson:** Evelyn James (12 For; 0 Against)

**Vice Chairperson:** David Nelson (12 For; 0 Against)

**Secretary:** Sawyer Henderson (12 For; 0 Against)

**Time:** 5 Minutes

**Topic:** Leadership Qualities of a Principal

**Presenter:** J. Mark Smith

**Discussion:**

- Mr. Smith explained the purpose behind the Leadership Qualities of a Principal that was previously shared with Council members to review. He clarified that the document is specific to the school itself and are used as a part of the principal evaluation process.
- Mr. Smith asked if there were any desired changes for the document. None were presented, so the document will be sent to county office as is.
- A copy of the Leadership Qualities of a Principal can be found on the Woodstock High School website

**Time:** 5 Minutes

**Topic:** Additional Administrative Updates

**Presenter:** J. Mark Smith

**Discussion:**

- Mr. Smith shared the following updates from the school:
  - Last year at Woodstock, ~850 Digital Learners participated in Digital Learning last year via APEX; this year, there are just over 30 Digital Learners full-time via Canvas with teacher-led instruction
  - Originally, the superintendent specified that for high school students, digital learners would only work in digital courses for the first semester. However, this could be re-evaluated at any time.

**Time:** 11 Minutes

**Topic:** Q&A/General Discussion

**Presenter:** Council Members

**Discussion:**

- Ms. Borrero shared that the social media outreach of sharing new teacher profiles was a great idea
- Mr. Nelson asked about the TikTok “challenges” of vandalizing school property and if Woodstock was experiencing this. Mr. Smith shared that we have not had too many problems but that the bathrooms seem to be getting hit the hardest.

- Mr. Nelson also asked about teachers' state of well-being during this new school year. Mr. Smith spoke about the focus of trying our best to keep teachers in the classroom through the utilization of subs, so as to not give up their planning time. Ms. Williamson and Mr. Henderson also indicated an improvement from last year by not having to manage different teaching schedules.

- Ms. James shared that communication via Remind and Canvas from the student perspective in their classes was fantastic. She also shared that the "MyStop" application was extremely beneficial for transportation.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.**