

**SYLVESTER-WORTH COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 13, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.
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The following committee members were in attendance – Christie Foerster, Gina Connell, Sherry Curry, Heather Greene, Laura Searcy, Lauren Grimsley, Shelly McPhaul, John McPhaul, Lisa Dylinski, Ginger Faircloth, Marilyn Herring, Mitch Willis, Jean Brooks, Staff – Karen Rackley

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Christie Foerster presiding. Prayer led by Jean Brooks. Pledge led by Christie Foerster.

AGENDA – Jean Brooks made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Shelly McPhaul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – Shelly McPhaul made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Jean Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Georgia Partnership \$3,000.00 Grant – Ideas for Submission - Due Jan 15, 2020** – Karen Rackley encouraged committee members to submit ideas to her if they would like to see something that would serve as many high school students as possible. A total of \$21,000.00 has been received to date for the education system.
- **Middle School Awards - January 15, 2020** - The next WCMS Awards is scheduled for January 15, 2020. Committee members should meet at the front of the Middle School at 7:45 a.m. The program starts at 8:00 a.m.
- **New Hire Orientation and Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Recap** – Local businesses and organizations donated items to go in 55 bags for new teachers and employees. Christie Foerster elaborated on how much each school appreciates the appreciation breakfast. The committee members all agreed that it is an honor to serve both the faculty and staff of the WCSD.
- **Support R.E.A.C.H.** – The Education Committee will continue to support the R.E.A.C.H. scholarships awarded to middle school students. An anonymous sponsor has donated the full \$10,000.00 toward the scholarship for the first year.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Update Worth County Schools – Christie Foerster** - The Worth County School District has hired a new football coach. Coach Phillip Ironside. His wife is an educator and will finish out her contract in Cobb County and then move here to Worth County.
- **Leadership Worth** – The first Leadership Worth class of 2020 will be held at the Worth County Board of Education office on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.
- **Recognize Teachers of the Year at the Annual Dinner** – The 2020 Teachers of the Year will be recognized at the Annual Dinner and receive a \$50.00 Gift Certificate.
- **Georgia Partners in Education – Top Ten Issues to Watch for in 2020 - Economics in Education Worth County** – This item was tabled until the next education meeting.

- **Board Retreat Ideas – Discuss 2020 Plan of Work:**

The Education committee currently support the following:

Support College & Career Academy

Workforce development

Senior Hack day/Mock Interviews

Industry VIP Day

College & Career Days/Job Fair

Middle School Awards

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Teacher of the Year recognition

New Hire Bags

GA Partners Grant

Family Connections – Collaborative

Leadership Youth

Job Shadow Day

Food in Backpacks for Students – Reach out to school clubs to help pack bags for students

Readers & Leaders - Businesses partner w/Read Weekly to Students

Wrap Around Services

Reading with Hair Salons while getting haircuts

Rounding up receipts – money collected will go to food banks

Partners in Education

Solar Car Project

Golden Triangle Grant

ADJOURN – With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chamber office.

Minutes submitted by:

Jaki S. Johnson