Walton Sunrise Team Constitution

ARTICLE I (NAME)

The name of this group shall be the Walton Sunrise Team, hereafter referred to as “WST”.

ARTICLE II (PURPOSE)

The purpose of this Walton Foundation sponsored group is to create an ongoing partnership between students at Walton and residents at Sunrise Senior Living at East Cobb (hereafter referred to as “Sunrise”). The vision is that team members will volunteer between two and four times a month at Sunrise specifically to assist residents with questions that they have about technology and utilizing their personal smart phones, computers, or other devices. The occupational therapist at Sunrise working in conjunction with the Activities Volunteer Coordinator at Sunrise will identify residents who are most in need of technology assistance. The students may also play games or just visit with the residents. Students may volunteer separately and according to their own schedules as it works with the seniors’ schedules verified by Sunrise. This team will be mutually beneficial for both the students at Walton and the residents at Sunrise. Each group will benefit from developing relationships with another age demographic. While there are some Walton groups in existence that serve local senior centers, none is devoted specifically to technology assistance nor is one scaled to be able to provide this level of ongoing support to Sunrise.

ARTICLE III (POWERS)

Amendments to the Constitution must be proposed in writing by an active member of WST at any regular meeting. Proposed amendments shall be voted upon only after two regular meetings following the introduction of the proposal. Proposed amendments will become effective following a majority affirmative vote of the active members.

ARTICLE IV (MEETINGS)

The first meeting of the fall semester shall occur within the first month of the start of school. Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month during the school year at times decided by WST.

ARTICLE V (MEMBERSHIP)

Members of WST will be expected to attend monthly group meetings and to volunteer at Sunrise a minimum of two times per month (visits should last about an hour). WST will identify days and times each month for volunteer opportunities as approved by Sunrise. WST members may choose volunteer times that fit with their individual schedules. Prior
to volunteering at Sunrise, each member must attend an orientation session (to be arranged by WST) and complete the volunteer application provided by Sunrise.

ARTICLE VI (DUES)

Dues for WST (if necessary) will be established by the officers.

ARTICLE VII (OFFICERS AND DUTIES)

Officers and duties for WST are as follows:

President – prepare for and lead all meetings; liaise with the parent advisor and the Walton Foundation; liaise with Sunrise to establish monthly schedule for volunteers

Vice President – preside at meetings if President is absent; support President as needed and perform other duties as established by WST

Secretary – prepare meeting agendas and minutes; manage monthly signups for volunteer slots

Treasurer – maintain financial records as necessary

ARTICLE VIII (ELECTIONS)

The officers of the team shall be elected from active members. All officers shall be elected on or before April 1 of each year, and shall hold one year terms which may take effect after April 1.

ARTICLE IX (ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, & COMMUNITY SERVICE)

Members of WST will volunteer at Sunrise to provide technological support and companionship to residents. The main activity of the team will be the ongoing visits by the students to Sunrise.