

Westlake High School  
**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 6, 2011 – 8:00pm  
Westlake Lecture Hall

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Attending: Todd Abney, Audrey Barton, Rita Bowers, Natalie Clark, Debbie Clegg, John Festin, Lisa Gibby, Tani Ireland, Scott Mansfield, Fred Openshaw, Kristin Turner, Ryan Tyson, Burgandy VanWagenen, Julie Wallace

Excused: Jen Finau, Caleb Miller, Franci Warner

The group was welcomed to the October meeting. The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

Sandwich Boards—Generic Parent/Teacher Conference signs were ordered and distributed to the council members. Before ordering more, we want to get feedback on managing the signs. If we feel it is helping, we can look at more generic signs that can be reused. We had good reviews on the few signs that were put out at the September parent/teacher conference.

Hall Volunteer Report—Kathy McGregor, the chairman over the hall volunteer parent program, reported on the standings of this program. Currently, there are about 50 people that have signed up, 25 of those have completed the background check. There has been approximately 20 volunteering since the program began on September 20<sup>th</sup>. It is great to see the support of community members—we can always use more. Volunteers encourage good values and are trying to be positive influences with students. The overall feedback is that it is a good start but not yet where we want to be with this program. Those that have helped feel like girls blouses/tops are the largest problem. We realize that teachers need to help more with enforcing the dress code policy. When we hold students at a higher level and expect more out of them, they seem to rise to that level. An idea of going into the classrooms and give the coupons in class was given by the student rep on the council. She felt like it would be more effective when the other students and teachers could also see the program in action. That is something that will be looked into. We will continue to tweak until we feel it is working well. The hall volunteer program is more than just dress code, it is creating the environment in how we want Westlake to be.

Tutoring Program—Shari Davis is the coordinator of the tutoring program. It hasn't started yet but will within the next 2 weeks. We are going to start with having the volunteer(s) go into a class in the area they specialize in and help with students who are behind in that class. We originally talked about a tutorial center but as of right now, we don't have the means to structure it that way.

Public Input—Positive peer-pressure is the way students can be reached the most. One idea that a parent presented was to use a digital photo class, video production class, or newspaper class to have the teacher make it an assignment to write about some of the issues that we are facing. The thought is to have students influence students by using classroom assignments such as: pictures, video, etc. The council liked the idea. Burgandy, the student rep, will take this information back and implement this in all that she can.

SCC Training—John Festin and Mr. Openshaw attended the annual SCC training last month. One point that we, as a council need to clarify is if we want to continue with equal representation throughout Westlake's geographical area. Right now, the council is made up of a representative from each elementary area. Do we want to continue doing it this way? A motion was made to keep it the way it is. The motion was seconded and approved.

CTE Data Review—Mr. Openshaw reviewed last year's CTE data. Overall the scores were good. Some classes' scores must improve and Mr. Openshaw has talked to the teachers and the department chairs about this. In cases where there is multiple teachers teaching the same class and scores are not consistent, collaboration Monday's are not being used wisely and Mr. Openshaw has reviewed that with those teachers as well.

