

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 9, 2010 – 1:00pm
Front Conference Room

Attending: Todd Abney, Robin Allred, Natalie Clark, Debbie Clegg, John Festin, Lisa Gibby, Fred Openshaw, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace

Excused: Julie Barnum, Tani Ireland, Scott Mansfield, Caleb Miller

John welcomed the group to the new school year. Introductions were made of the 2010-11 members. The minutes from the April 26, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

The SCC meeting schedule was set for the year. SCC meetings will be on:

- September 24, 2010 @ 8:00am
- October 22, 2010 @ 8:00am
- December 3, 2010 @ 8:00am
- January 28, 2010 @ 8:00am
- February 25, 2010 @ 8:00am
- March 25, 2010 @ 8:00am
- April 22, 2010 @ 8:00am

All meetings will be in the front conference room.

Communication to Community—This year, we would like to communicate more effectively to the community. We have redone our website in hopes it will be more user friendly as well as have more information for patrons to find. There is a link to both Twitter and Facebook that we want to encourage students to sign up and follow us. The “tweets” will be done at least twice a week (Monday’s & Wednesday’s) starting this coming Wednesday, August 11, 2010. A member from student council will keep the Facebook page current. Debbie Clegg volunteered as part of SCC to help with the Facebook page. She will get with Mike Dunn, the student council advisor, to coordinate that happening. Mr. Openshaw would like to see the Facebook page current sometime in September. Really, these two options are our best way to get the word to students and parents—as long as we keep them current at all times. Right now, we cannot rely on the calling system to deliver messages into the homes because of the new SIS system, Skyward, but we hope it will be up and running shortly after school has started.

Skyward—Skyward is the new SIS system that is replacing PowerSchool. It will be a good switch with a few bumps along the way. Training for Skyward has been going all summer. The elementary schools went to Skyward last fall and this year the secondary schools are jumping on board. Overall, it will be a good move.

TMT’s—This year, we have adjusted the way that we look at TMT’s. Rather than have TMT’s a unit test etc., TMT’s will be everything a student does and will be looked at as a whole unit. The intent was for students to better themselves and not settle for mediocrity. As we have learned, we need to tighten down what is and isn’t allowed for high school students. The TMT Unit, gives a student the right to earn credit. The sliding scale will also be a factor in how the grade is given. The following is the explanation and handout that was given to the council members.

PURPOSE

The purpose of TMT’s is for students to show mastery on concepts he/she is learning in class. Students must “Master” the concepts or Unit before they can “pass” a class. The TMT allows them to revisit those concepts they may have a problem with until they reach mastery.

GUIDELINES

TMT’s have been adjusted for the 2010-2011 school year. TMT’s will be intertwined with a sliding scale, which will look at each unit as a *Thunder Mastery Unit*.

50% “Student Engagement”	50% “Assessments”
Participation	Tests
Homework	Performance
Classroom work	Finished Products
Everything else except assessments	Student Presentations

Students must have at least **60% of homework complete and turned in BEFORE** they can take the assessment. If they only have 60% homework turned in, they would have to score 100% on the assessment to hit the 80% mastery mark or vice-versa. If one side is low, they have to do better or more homework on the other side. Together the engagement and the assessment would be considered the TMT. Each one of the student engagement areas can have its own weight up to 50% and then the assessment would be the other 50%. The letter grade would be given from the engagement side as soon as the whole TMT reaches 80% (using the sliding scale) otherwise it would be an “I”. The grade would remain an “I” until the student would complete everything to get him/her ready to take the assessment again. This could repeat itself until the assessment is passed and the letter grade is given. A disclosure document from each teacher will be given to each student to explain what is expected in his/her classroom at the beginning of the year/semester.

Attendance—The attendance policy has been revamped! We hope it will bring structure that will help students and teachers fulfill the obligations that have been set for them. The attendance policy is on our website at full length. Students will not get penalized for a pre-approved absence(s) as long as the pre-approval form is filled out and turned into the administration. The form will be posted on the website.

AYP—Westlake made AYP for last year. In Language Arts, the National Average is 82%--Westlake hit 91%. For Math, the National Average is 40%--Westlake’s score was 32%. We are working with Math to drill down and see what the problem was last year. We will be trying to improve our Math scores for next year and refocus on what the core really is. Mr. Openshaw will report on the end of level CRT scores at our next meeting.

Other—The district has given us two days of class changes, August 2nd & August 11th. Students will need to come to the computer lab to have a counselor help them with class changes. There will not be any exceptions to class changes other than improper placement. The counselors and administration will hold firm on this. Students had the opportunity to pick their classes, teachers and periods therefore, there really is no need for class changes. The council members liked the schedules being sent in the summer mailer. This year, the fees are the high school board approved school fees rather than the 9th grade board approved fees. At the end of the year, budgets will be looked at to make sure teachers are using their lab fees and not accruing a savings account. School supplies that are required by teachers are hard to find after school has starts. We will try and have the teachers leave their required lists with us before school ends so we can post them throughout the summer.

Items for Council Members—Graduation? How many graduated? Out of about 217 seniors, around 209 walked with the first graduation class. The percentage was excellent! Teachers, seniors, and counselors worked very hard to make this happen. The Senior Evening of Excellence and Graduation was a hit! Both were wonderful occasions. Will there be buses for Sunrise Meadows? No. Anything within 2 miles will not be bused. Projected enrollment to start this year? 1900-1950 students. How did the Trustland Budget come in? The budget came in at \$60,000 but could possibly be 10% higher. That will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: Trustland Budget
2009-10 CRT Score

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 24, 2010
8:00am
Westlake High Front Conference Room