

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2011 – 8:00pm

Lecture Hall

Attending: Todd Abney, Audrey Barton, Rita Bowers, Natalie Clark, Debbie Clegg, John Festin, Lisa Gibby, Tani Ireland, Scott Mansfield, Caleb Miller, Fred Openshaw, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace, Franci Warner

Excused: Jen Finau, Kristen Turner

John Festin welcomed the group to the September meeting. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

Previous Meeting Follow-Up Items—

Sandwich Board Signs:

- Lisa Gibby—6
- Debbie Clegg—1
- Rita Bowers—3
- John Festin—4
- Franci Warner—4
- Todd Abney—2
- Ryan Tyson—3

Westlake will have the signs made and bring them to the council members who have signed up for them. Days such as Parent/Teacher Conference will be the focus of the signs. Again, just another way to communicate to parents of major things that are happening at Westlake.

Volunteers/Committees:

- Volunteers will be needed for halls during class breaks and at lunch
 - 15 – 30 minute commitment
- Volunteers will be needed to help with the tutorial center
 - 80 minute commitment
 - Math is needed the most
 - If a student needs help and is involved in the tutorial center, an elective class will be put on hold for 2 weeks until the student has made up the work in the core class they are behind in.
 - The parent of the student will be notified their student will be doing the tutorial center for a 2 week period of time.
- Volunteers will be a positive role-model
- Kathy McGregor will head the volunteer program for the hallways. John Festin will be the SCC member to oversee this.
- We will continue to look for someone to head the volunteer program for the tutorial center
- ALL volunteers must have a background check done
- Westlake will pay for the background check

Public Input—

- AP Exams—Why was there a low pass rate of the AP English and Calculus Tests?
 - Mr. Openshaw met with the faculty council in August and shared the CRT and AP data with them. He is expecting for them to hold the AP students to a high expectation as well as themselves.
 - AP students will be pulled from the AP class at semester break if they are not doing well in the class
- Website Slideshow
 - Sometimes patrons have a hard time seeing the slideshow and have requested that there be a text link that will show all the information from the slides.
- Students Cutting in Lunch Line
 - Mr. Openshaw is aware of the problem and will put more help in the lunchroom to patrol the area.
- Over-crowded buses/vulgarity on buses
 - Patrons will have to call the bus garage to get this taken care of
- Textbooks
 - If students need a textbook, get with their teacher or they can check it out from the media center
 - Could teachers send home a handout to know what homework should be coming home?

Westlake 2010-11 Test Data Reviewed

- Westlake jumped from the 8th spot (last place) to the 5th spot in the district. This year, we are striving for 3rd.
- Overall, feel great about the success we had last year but realize there is room for growth and will be tightening down in those areas.

Trustlands Training Video

- Upon the completion of watching the Trustlands Video, this year's SCC Chairman and Co-Chairman were voted on.
 - John Festin was nominated for chairman, seconded and approved by the council
 - Scott Mansfield was nominated for co-chairman, seconded and approved by the council

Items/Concerns from Council Members—

- Back to School Night—How many people attended?
 - The best approximate guess would be 300-350 people
 - Teachers really liked the Back to School Night and would have loved to have a higher attendance
- Class Changes—Overall went smooth. Much better than the 2 previous years.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 20, 2011
1:00pm
Lecture Hall
PTSA/SCC Combined Bond Meeting**