

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 24, 2010 – 8:00am
Front Conference Room

Attending: Robin Allred, Natalie Clark, Debbie Clegg, Lisa Gibby, Tani Ireland, Cheri Jensen, Scott Mansfield, Caleb Miller, Fred Openshaw, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace

Excused: Todd Abney, Julie Barnum, John Festin

Mr. Openshaw welcomed the group to the September meeting and excused SCC Chairman, John Festin from this meeting. Once again, introductions were made of the council members present at this meeting. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

SCC District Training—Tani Ireland was our council member that attended the district training meeting. She reviewed what the training was about. They went over the expectations of what a council member is responsible for as well as the duties of serving on a school's council. This is a very informative meeting that is helpful for council members to attend.

Previous Minutes Follow-Up Items—Last year, students were charged the 9th grade board approved fees. This year, we charged the high school board approved fees. Having 9th grade students in a high school setting, they are able to take advantage of the full high school offerings. Therefore, everyone, 9-12 grades were charged the high school fees. In the spring, we will look at budgets and reevaluate to make sure the need is still there to charge the full fee. In the previous minutes, it was also stated that the phone system caller was not working yet. That since has been fixed and we are once again using the system. If you hear of people in your area that are saying they are not getting the caller, tell them to call the front office and talk to Natalie Clark so she can update your information.

TMT's—Thus far, we are pleased with the way TMT units are going. Last year, some classes in math needed to slow down because there were so many students behind. This year, math has not had to slow down yet. Hopefully, this is a good sign that we are on the right track. As the Counseling office has been doing senior SEOP's, a rough estimate of seniors who are on track for graduation is about 50%. Out of the 50% who are lacking credit, a good percentage of them are short 2 credits or less. Last year, the estimate was less than 50%. So, we are improving and headed in the right direction. Remediation time in each class is helping immensely.

Start of School—The start of school went well. The tone seemed better than last year as far as what to expect. The attendance policy has helped this year as well. The dress code expectation has also improved the overall feel of the building. An official back to school night was not offered this year but we will possibly look at doing it after school starts next year. Class changes opportunities were 2 days in August. If parents and/or students missed those days, they were not allowed to make class changes unless it was a misplacement. The administration is holding firm on this. When students have the opportunity to sign up for class, period, and teacher, they need to take it serious and realize the long-term effects it will have if it is not picked correctly. Next year, we will have a full counseling staff during the class change days.

Safe Walking Route—The safe walking route was given to the council for approval (see safe walking route hand out). The only walking routes we have is Sunrise Meadows and the subdivision west of the school. The safest way for students to walk to Westlake is down 400north. A proposal was made to accept the walking route. It was voted on and approved.

Westlake End of Level CRT Scores:

2010—LANGUAGE ARTS			
CLASS	STUDENT COUNT	PROFICIENT COUNT	PERCENT PROFICIENT
Language 9	528	448	85%
Language 10	476	426	89%
Language 11	348	303	87%

2010—MATH			
CLASS	STUDENT COUNT	PROFICIENT COUNT	PERCENT PROFICIENT
Algebra	219	57	26%
Geometry	470	267	57%
Algebra 2	352	117	33%

2010—SCIENCE			
CLASS	STUDENT COUNT	PROFICIENT COUNT	PERCENT PROFICIENT
Earth Systems	396	325	82%
Biology	485	368	76%
Chemistry	184	119	65%
Physics	149	109	73%

Compare Westlake’s CRT scores to the State Average:

WESTLAKE 2010		
CLASS	COUNT	% OF STATE PROFICIENCY
Language 9	522	103%
Language 10	472	104%
Language 11	345	104%
Algebra	216	44%
Geometry	461	93%
Algebra 2	352	83%
Earth Systems	396	119%
Biology	473	104%
Chemistry	184	120%
Physics	149	109%

Math is breaking the core down and trying to hit mastery. They are really trying to make the adjustments needed to show improvement and bring their scores up. Again, the remediation time into each class period should help improve this year’s test scores.

Trustlands—The budget came in at \$63,438. Mr. Openshaw will give a printed detail as to what has been spent out of Trustlands at our next meeting.

Misc. Items—Council members appreciated students’ schedules with grades printed on them, being handed out upon entering Parent Teacher Conference. Things to improve on for next year would be to start on time, possibly go later on a couple of them throughout the year, post a sign at the “handout schedule” table so parents know it is not only schedule but also grades, and hold teachers to a 2 minute time frame when talking to parents. Overall, we were pleased with the turnout for parent/teacher conference. On September 29th at 1pm, Donna Barnes, a school board member and Sam Jarman, the supervisor over high schools will be here for a special meeting. It is for all PTSA and School/Community Council members to attend. They will be discussing ASD’s mission, values and goals as well as starting to lay the groundwork for a possible bond. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. There is a special Skyward Information Night for parents on Thursday, September 30th at 6:30pm in the auditorium. All parents of all students in the area are encouraged and invited to attend. There was also a discussion on what kinds of bracelets are allowed and which ones aren’t. The council all came to consensus that supported the school in not allowing certain types of bracelets. The homecoming parade was better than last year but still not where we want it to be. It was great to see the feeder elementary schools involved. 9th grade students can go to dances and attend everything else a 10-12 grade students could—it is up to parents if they allow it or not. Will there be more concurrent enrollment classes offered next year? No. Probably not. UVU is tightening down on the concurrent enrollment program and the number of teachers they allow to be involved in the program. We will just continue to add AP classes each year.

******Trustlands Video******

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Trustlands Budget Expenditure Report

SPECIAL ASD MEETING:

September 29, 2010
1:00pm
Front Conference Room

NEXT MEETING:

October 22, 2010
1:00pm
Front Conference Room