

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 22, 2010 – 12:00 Noon
Front Conference Room

Attending: Todd Abney, Natalie Clark, Stephanie Cottam, John Festin, Laura Giles, Cassie Gross, Tani Ireland, Fred Openshaw, Allison Randall, Kate Ross, Steve Stewart, Julie Wallace

Excused: Julie Barnum, Ashleigh O'Connor, Ryan Tyson

John Festin welcomed the group to the February meeting. The minutes were read and approved.

Principal Update—Mr. Openshaw gave the council an update on things that are being discussed. It has now become solidified that Westlake will house 9th grade students for the next 4-5 years therefore, they will have their own lunch with a few sophomores to balance the two lunches. Also, there will be a freshman committee that will meet that is different than the student council arm of the 9th grade. This committee will help plan activities and work with the 9th grade student council to make sure the voice of the 9th grade is heard. The stomps will still be 10-12 grade students only but next year there will be activities going on in one of the gyms for 9th grade students while in the other gym there will be the stomp for 10-12 grade students. This year, student council elections will be at the end of March. There is a stomp at the end of election week where all students 9-12 grade will be invited to attend. This will help transition the 9th grade students and introduce them to the stomps in preparation for next year. The council liked the idea. An update on the math and science program was also given. There are more students passing. If all a student does is pass the TMT the first time they take it, they are guaranteed a D grade. Mr. Openshaw doesn't really know if English or Social Studies will have to move to a 70% pass rate. It will be looked at toward the end of the year. The before/after school Driver's Ed program is going well. There is talk about increasing the fee to \$135 if a student takes Driver's Ed outside the classroom. Mr. Openshaw does not want to do that unless it is mandated from the district. We will continue to charge \$90 for the course through the school year and \$135 for summer.

Teacher Incentive Plan—Todd Abney and Allison Randall reported out on their day they spent at the PDT day on February 5th. Each department scored themselves, the parent group scored them and the Administration scored them. All groups learned where there is need for improvement and areas they are doing well. It was great to see how much the teachers are collaborating within their departments and how much they depend on it.

Elections—Elections will run in the areas of Saratoga Shores, Harvest, Eagle Valley, and the new elementary in city center (Eagle Mountain). Patrons will learn of the elections through a caller and our web page. The applications will be able to be found on our web page. They will need to submit them to Natalie Clark by April 1st so we can see if there is a need for formal elections. If there is enough interest, the formal elections will be ran at our Parent/Teacher Conference on April 28, 2010.

New Middle School Update—Mr. Stewart reported on the progression of the new middle school. Currently, the naming committee is meeting to come up with the three top decisions to present to the school board. The School/Community Council will be divided by elementary areas like Westlake's is. Elections for the new middle school SCC will also take place at the Parent/Teacher Conferences in April.

Trustland/SIP Discussion—The Trustland money that will be allocated to us for 2010-11 is \$60,136. How the council spends the money must tie directly into achieving the goal set for the School Improvement Plan. The goal that has been set is 90% of all students will be on track for graduation. This goal will take into account full time students only. The decision on how the money will be spent is as follows:

• Mini Lab	\$10,000
• Career Center Computers	\$8,000
• Trackers Salaries	\$10,000
• Eastshore	\$8,000
• APEX or NovaNet Software	\$5,000
• Rosetta Stone Software	\$15,000
• Go My Access	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$60,000

These are approximate costs. Kate Ross will report back at the next meeting on whether or not the 9th grade teachers will be fully on board with the “Go My Access” program. The Eastshore and APEX or NovaNet Software must go hand in hand. The council agreed with the direction of the way the funds would be spent and felt good about the SIP goal for next year.

Items from Council—School Board Candidate for our area: Is Donna Barnes running again? There has been talk about this being the case however nothing really definite.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Mr. Openshaw will report on credit recovery to see what % we have vs. our 95% SIP goal for this year.
Ms. Packer will be given John Festin’s Contact information to help us with updates and creating Twitter accounts and a Facebook account.
Kate Ross will report back on “Go My Access” and if teachers truly would use the software.
Information will be posted through a caller and webpage to advertise the elections.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, March 22, 2010
12:00pm (noon)
WHS Conference Room