

Westlake High School
School/Community Council Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2008 – 1:00pm

Attending: Todd Abney, Julie Barnum, Natalie Clark, Stephanie Cottam, John Festin, Laura Giles, Cassie Gross, Tani Ireland, Fred Openshaw, Brady Rowley, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace

Mr. Openshaw welcomed the group to our first School/Community Council Meeting for Westlake High School. Each member was asked to introduce themselves to the group.

Mr. Openshaw explained the main duties of a member is to first, be the voice of the community in which you live, next, serve a two year term on the council, and last, consistently attend a once-a month meeting. This council will grow one member when the new elementary in south Saratoga Springs is complete.

The three main objectives of a School/Community Council are:

1. To assist in the creation of the Professional Development plan.
2. Assist in developing the Trust Land Budget which ties directly to a School Improvement Plan
3. Advises the Administration in what way the school should go.

The council watched the Trust Land Movie.

Council Officers Elected—The meeting was opened to nominations for Westlake's School/Community Council Officers. Mr. Openshaw explained the value of having the chair one of the parent members and the co-chair one of the staff members. Julie Wallace was nominated for chairman however, she turned it down. John Festin was nominated for chairman and the motion was seconded unanimously. Stephanie Cottam was nominated for co-chairman and too, this motion was seconded. Therefore, John Festin is our chairman and Stephanie Cottam is our co-chairman.

Driver's Ed Discussion—Mr. Openshaw presented a discussion item for the council to give feedback on. He is proposing to take the Driver's Ed course out of the high school during the day. Currently, a student who signs up for Driver's Ed is automatically enrolled in a semester class, which is approximately 60 hours. The classroom instruction time that is needed to complete the classroom portion of Driver's Ed is 30 hours. Therefore, there is a lot of time that a student is not maximizing his/her elective credit. Mr. Openshaw would like to see Driver's Ed given before or after school, or on Saturday's. Once a student receives his/her learning permit, they would let the instructor know. They would be given the choice of when they would like to take the course. Two of the three options would be available at any one given time. Parents would have to transport their student to and/or from the school for this to happen. Once the student finished the classroom portion of Driver's Ed, then they would sign up for range and road. The range will be done at Westlake. Doing it this way, a student will have a .25 elective credit that can be used toward graduation requirements. This would also allow them to take a different elective in place of Driver's Ed. There would be 30-35 students enrolled in the

classroom instruction portion of this proposal. The cost will be \$90, which is the same as it is now. There is approval from Alpine School District's Cabinet members already however, we must have the approval from both the PTSA Board as well as the School/Community Council. Mr. Openshaw asked the group to take this discussion back to the community and ask around to see what the feelings are. This will be an action item and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Master Student Discussion—Mr. Openshaw and Stephanie Cottam will present a course, “Becoming a Master Student” to the council at our next meeting.

Master Schedule—Mr. Openshaw explained to the council that the classes and offerings at Westlake will mirror Lehi High's, at least as much as possible. A couple of things he knows will be different are: the marching band will be a Lehi High and Westlake combined class. Because Lehi High is in its beginning stages of building a marching band, we do not want to split something that is good for both communities. The marching band will march at both Lehi High and Westlake games. We will look at this in a couple of years and re-evaluate. The other thing that will be a combined effort is the swimming team. Coach Meyring will be the coach for both Lehi High and Westlake swim teams. Each team will be its own, but the coach will coach both teams.

Faculty Members—The faculty members who have been hired to be apart of Westlake are:

Cameron Smith—Math Department Chair

Brady Rowley—Driver's Ed Coordinator/Math

Scott Mansfield—Foreign Language Department Chair/Debate

Cheryl Rogers—English Department Chair

Don Bastian—Physical Science Department Chair

Darrin Edwards—Media Center Coordinator

Steve Revelli—Life Science Department Chair

Lou Andrus—Athletic Director

Mike Gowans—CTE Department Chair

Amy Morrey—Performing Arts Department Chair/Drama

Janica Hayes—Dance Company Advisor

Mr. Openshaw will update the council each meeting on new hires for Westlake.

SCC Meeting Schedule—The monthly meeting schedule will be the following dates. The meeting time will be at 1:00pm in the District Office Basement Conference Room (with the exception of December's meeting).

December 1, 2008	1:00pm	Meet at Westlake High to tour the building.
January 5, 2009	1:00pm	District Office Basement Conference Room
February 23, 2009	1:00pm	District Office Basement Conference Room
March 16, 2009	1:00pm	District Office Basement Conference Room
April 20, 2009	1:00pm	District Office Basement Conference Room
May 18, 2009	1:00pm	District Office Basement Conference Room

At the May meeting, we will set the summer meeting schedule.

Questions or Items from the council—

1. What region is Westlake in?

Westlake is 4A and in Region VII. Region VII will include: Westake High School, Lehi High School, Mountain View High School, Orem High School, Timpanogos High School and Timpview High School.

2. What information can be given on the 9th grade attending Westlake and what will that mean for the 9th grade students left at Willowcreek?

Any 9th grade student, who lives in Westlake's boundaries, will attend Westlake High School. There will be teachers who can teach the courses designed for 9th grade students at Westlake. Honors classes will also be given for those who have been in the G/T program at Willowcreek. Any 9th grade student who can make a JV or Varsity team will be allowed to "play-up". This has always been the case, no matter what building the student attends. Westlake 9th grade students will be able to play in the freshman basketball league that is offered at Willowcreek. Mr. Openshaw, Mr. Browning, Mr. Jarman, and Mr. Childs will meet to discuss details on the 9th grade class. Mr. Openshaw will report on this item at our next meeting.

3. Is there a pool in the school?

No, there is not a pool at Westlake. That is why we will have the same coach as Lehi High. Students on Westlake's swim team will use the Legacy Center in Lehi.

4. Is Saratoga City planning to put anymore roads into the school?

Center Street should be cut into both the high school and the new middle school. Center Street will be just to the south of the high school from Redwood Road.

5. Are the baseball fields being shared by Saratoga Springs City?

No. The baseball fields belong to Westlake High School.

Suggestions from council members—

One member suggested to help explain our mascot "Thunder", put a history of Thor, the God of Thunder on our web page. Mr. Openshaw thought that was a good suggestion agreed that we need to explain it more.

Another suggestion was to get Westlake paraphernalia, logos, mascot, etc., for businesses to hang on their windows and have information at the city offices for new business owners for Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain to obtain when applying for a business license.

Laura Giles, our PTSA president, is looking for board members to serve on the PTSA for Westlake. If anyone is interested, please contact her at 789-7711.

NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2008
 1:00pm
 Westlake High School (Tour of Building)

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: 9TH Grade Discussion
 New Hires (Faculty and Staff)
 Becoming a Master Student Discussion
 Driver's Ed Discussion—Action Item
 Westlake Information and Logos for Businesses