

Westlake High School  
**School/Community Council Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, April 20, 2009 – 1:00pm  
District Office Basement Conference Room

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

Excused: Laura Giles, Julie Wallace

John Festin welcomed the group. The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

**Trustland Report**—Mr. Openshaw thanked the group for their support through the Trustland budget process. The report was signed by all members and submitted in a timely manner. The SIP plan is centered on math. There is a goal set that 95% of all students enrolled in math will earn full math credit for the 2009-10 school year. This is a high, but reasonable goal and hope that we can strive to achieve it. Classroom sets of calculators purchased with Trustland monies will help. The remainder of the money will be spent on after school Tuesday buses. Again, the group was thanked for their services.

**Textbook Discussion**—We have been allocated \$148,000 to supply all the textbooks for Westlake. The English curriculum alone, would take \$65-70,000 Bottom line is there isn't enough money in textbooks to meet the needs of all areas in the school. Mr. Openshaw is looking at on-line accessibility to have on-line textbooks in some classes. He met with a supplier earlier in the day, realizing that to be a full on-line textbook school would cost more than originally thought. Mini laptop labs would need to accompany the on-line textbooks which would not be a problem. The cost of the mini-labs is 2-1 of the regular size laptop labs. We would look at purchasing 3-4 mini laptop labs and 1 regular tower lab. Fred is also talking with the technology department to see if it would be possible for students to purchase their own laptops. There would have to be 2 wireless networks—1 for machines in the building where the filter is the same for all machines and 1 for computers that are coming in from the outside where the filter would be tighter. Students would need to understand that they are in control of protecting their rights by visiting only appropriate sites while at school. The stand would be taken right from the start to take action if students fail to stay within the appropriate guidelines which would be set at the beginning of the year. The hope is eventually to fully be 100% an on-line textbook school. The group was excited with the concept and understands the need for the mini laptops. Everyone agreed it is a good move.

**Upcoming Dates and Times**—The office summer hours will be Monday thru Friday from 7am – 1pm. The summer mailer will be mailed home the week of July 17. From July 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, walk-in, on-line and mail-in payments will be accepted. From August 10<sup>th</sup> to the beginning of school parents can pay fees by either walk-in or on-line (the mail-

in option will not be available after July 31<sup>st</sup>). The school Open House dates are August 17, 18 and 19 from 3-7:00pm. The council suggested to have 2 registers set up at the Open House nights for fee payment but not to publicize that fees will be accepted on these nights. Student Council will be on hand to provide tours of the school.

**After school Tuesday(Remediation time)**—Another option for remediation time was suggested that rather than hold it at the end of the school day just once a week, tie in the extra time daily around lunch time. This way would allow students who are current to have extra time for lunch each day. Those who are not current would stay and work with a teacher for 15 minutes per day before they would go to lunch. A report card would be printed and given to students daily during 2<sup>nd</sup> period so they would know what class they need to attend that day. There are pros and cons to having the remediation time daily versus at the end of the day weekly. Right now we are looking at both ideas.

**Items from Council Members**—Progress of the school? The progress is coming along good and is on schedule. We will be moving in when it has been approved for the public to safely find us.

**Have a good summer!**

**NEXT MEETING:**                    **Thursday, August 6, 2009**  
**1:00pm**  
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