

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 10, 2009 – 2:00pm
Westlake Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Todd Abney, Julie Barnum, Natalie Clark, Stephanie Cottam, John Festin, Laura Giles, Ashleigh O'Connor, Fred Openshaw, Brady Rowley, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace

Excused: Tani Ireland

John Festin welcomed the group to the first meeting of the 2009-10 school year. The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.

School Updates—There are 5 mini computer labs—1 for English, 1 for math, 1 for world languages, 1 for social studies and 1 floater that can be checked out by any department. There is 1 tower lab with 49 computers in it. The lab will be open for students from 7:00am – 6:00pm. Two trackers will offset their schedule to allow this to happen. Daily announcements will be texted to students. Students will also be required to sign up for a Google account. They will do this through their English class. Announcements will also be sent to their email accounts. Accessing Google docs will be a valuable tool for students to access both at school and home. Students are encouraged to sign up on a twitter account so they can receive information instantly to their twitter accounts. Tuesday late buses will run. Students will be able to stay after school 1 hour on Tuesday's for extra help from teachers. There will be buses available to take them home. Tuesday through Friday we will be running a one hour lunch. Students must be eligible for the extended lunch. Trackers will run the report daily so students will know who is eligible and who is not. Monday's will be closed campus for lunch because the extended lunch is not offered on early out day. All computer access will be allowed as long as students live within the rules. If there is a problem, access will be taken away for the remainder of the year. Enrollment numbers as of today is 1588 students. Out of Area applications must be approved from the district. Mr. Openshaw has requested more FTE because the class numbers are high. There will be an additional 4 teachers hired—1 English, 1 Math, 1 Social Studies, and 1 Life Science. We have not had the final clearance on the construction of Westlake. There have been a few concerns from the State Fire Marshal that needed corrections made. The auditorium area has been the last part finished. They are still trying to clean-up the area and get it finished. The first day of school, students will attend all 8 classes. Teachers have been instructed to make it the "WOW day and make it fun. On Friday, August 21st it will be a regular B day. On Monday, August 24th, will be an A day. Then on Tuesday, August 25th, will be a B day with assemblies for each grade. Guidelines and expectations for all students will be discussed as well as reviewing graduation requirements. Regular lunch schedule will run for about 1 ½ weeks. The Tuesday after Labor Day we will start the extended lunch. Assemblies will be 1st period then students will attend their regular day after that. Parking pass stickers and activity card stickers will be given each term, based on eligibility.

Athletics—There will not be a 9th grade Cougar League. All 9th grade football players will play for the high school teams. The 9th grade cheerleaders will support the sophomore team. We are working on getting more football equipment from Ridell. Girl's soccer will not be offered at Rockwell. Girl's who attend Rockwell and want to tryout for the girl's soccer team at Westlake can do so. They will just have to pay the fee that is required. The 9th grade boy's and girl's basketball teams will play with the other 9th grade teams in the district.

Westlake Mission Statement—The mission statement for Westlake is “Lux et Virtus”, which means “Light and Excellence”. The council would like the print out of the explanation that was given to the staff. It will be handed out at the next meeting.

Attendance—Attendance will not be linked to a student’s academic grade however, it will be linked to the citizenship grade. Students must be academically and citizenship eligible to attend the extended lunch. Students involved in any extra-curricular activities, will be held to this standard.

TMT’s—TMT’s or Thunder Mastery Tests will be included into the grading system at Westlake. The department chairs have been working with the teachers in their department, creating how it will look. The council asked that an explanation of how it will work be put on the web site so as community questions arise, they have something to refer back to. Mr. Openshaw will look into publishing something for the web site.

2009-10 SCC Meeting Schedule—

- September 28 12:00pm
- October 26 12:00pm
- December 7 12:00pm
- January 26 12:00pm
- February 22 12:00pm
- March 22 12:00pm
- March 29 12:00pm
- April 26 12:00pm

A May meeting will be scheduled if needed.

Other Meetings—Mr. Openshaw extended the invitation for the council members to attend weekly Monday collaboration meetings. He also let them know about the department meeting on August 13th from 8 am – 11am and the inservice on August 17, 18. There is also a faculty meeting on August 19th. Any of these meetings are open to the council.

Questions/Concerns—Tours will be given at the Open House nights. There will be 9th grade activities with the remaining students at Willowcreek. The new middle school boundaries will be set sometime between October – December. Aloha and Club Rush weeks will be the first two weeks of school. Clubs must be established by the end of the two week period with an advisor in place. Students who want to sign up for Driver’s Ed will do that through the front office. There is a concern for the H1N1 virus this fall. Mr. Openshaw will report on the information on this at the next meeting.

**FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: Copy of the Mission Statement
TMT Information
H1N1 Information**

**NEXT MEETING: September 28, 2009
12:00pm (noon)
Front Office Conference Room**