

Westlake High School
School/Community Council Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2009 – 1:00pm
District Office Basement Conference Room

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

Excused: John Festin, Laura Giles

Co-Chairman, Stephanie Cottam welcomed the group. Natalie Clark read the December minutes. The minutes were voted on and approved.

Student Success Master Discussion—Stephanie began the meeting with a more detailed description of the Student Success class, which is a class that both Mr. Openshaw and Stephanie see as a huge benefit to students. The purpose of the class is to help students become a better student overall. The curriculum gives help in procrastination, test taking, memorization, reading and many other things that would teach how to become a better student. As a counselor, Stephanie feels that it would get freshmen and sophomores on target for graduation. Statistics show that students who take this class are more prepared to make it in the college setting. Currently, this course is taught at UVU and USU. As the council begins looking at what they would like to spend Trustland monies on, Mr. Openshaw proposed that textbooks for this class would be a big help. We would like our freshmen and sophomore students to take advantage of the opportunities this class would have to offer, however will not require they take it. Mr. Openshaw would like to see how it does for one year. Stephanie will follow-up with the cost of the textbooks and if the books are used as a workbooks. This will also be a Trustland action item at our next meeting.

Report on Student Assemblies—On December 3, 2008, we went to Willowcreek Middle to present 8th and 9th grade student assemblies. The purpose of the assemblies was to get the students excited about Westlake and to let them see what we are about. The energy was very high in both assemblies. The “Thunder” mascot was introduced and gave them an idea of how it is going to look. We gave them their first look at the teachers who had been hired thus far. We talked about the extra-curricular coaches, advisors and what is expected at Westlake. The time was then turned over to the students for a question and answer period. The 9th grade students received a Westlake t-shirt after they left their assembly and the 8th grade received a Westlake candy bar. The 8th grade students will get their Westlake t-shirt when they bring back their completed registration form at the end of January. On December 10, 2008, we went to Lehi High to present the same assembly to the 10th and 11th grade students. Again, the assemblies overall went well. Students at both schools seemed very responsive and excited that this is finally becoming a reality.

Head Coaches/Advisors Meeting—On December 15, 2008, Mr. Openshaw and Mr. Andrus, met with the head coaches/advisors. This meeting went well in discussing the extra-curricular programs for Westlake. Three main topics were discussed:

1. Coaches will not make a student feel guilty if they want to participate in more than one extra-curricular activity or sport. We want students to be involved as much as they want to be.
2. Students should play where they live. Both Mr. Openshaw and Mr. Bearce (Lehi High) are encouraging such.
3. Coaches/Advisors can recruit Westlake students.

Parent/Student Information Night—We will be hosting a parent/student information night at Willowcreek Middle on Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 6:00-8:00pm. This evening is for both Lehi High and Willowcreek student and parents who are planning to attend Westlake in the fall. Registration information, college representatives and extra-curricular coaches/advisors will be in attendance to answer question and give helpful information. There will be 3-4 breakout sessions. We are asking that parents attend the registration information for one of the sessions. The public will be notified about this evening through newspapers, the phone system, and the web page.

Explanation of Thor—The council was pleased for the explanation of Thor on our web page. It is helping.

Senior Yearbook Pictures—Formal or Not?—Each council member felt the feedback from their areas was in favor of a formal picture in the yearbook. They all wanted to make sure that there would be other options on Senior Picture Packets. Mr. Openshaw reassured them they would definitely have other options for their senior pictures. This formal picture would only go in the yearbook. The item was voted on and approved for formal senior yearbook pictures. Note: The student ID card can have a different picture, as long as the student has paid for another shot.

Faculty Update—In addition to those new hires from our last meeting, the following has been added:

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| Erin Knutson | Visual Arts Department Chair |
| Jessica Fowler | FACS/Daycare |
| Brek Mangelson | Band |
| Adam Bennion | Science |
| Shelley Madsen | History/Yearbook |
| Linda Pickering | Counseling |
| Josh Peay | History |
| Stacy Serafine | English |
| Shannon Magleby | French (1 Day French @ LHS and 1 Day French @ WHS) |
| Dennis Meyring | Swim Team (1 Day Swim Team/History @ LHS and 1 Day Swim Team/History @ WHS) |
| Mike Taylor | Drafting (1 Day Drafting @ LHS and 1 Day Drafting @ WHS) |

Mr. Openshaw thinks the Lehi split will be done sometime next week. A faculty update will be given at our next meeting.

Turn-In Registration Days—Registration turn-in days will be January 28, January 29, and February 3, 2009 at Willowcreek Middle School from 5:00-8:00pm each night. Mr. Openshaw is looking for council members to help at these evenings. Please let Natalie know if you can help any of the turn-in days listed.

Registration Assemblies—Registration assemblies are coming up. We will be at Willowcreek Middle on January 14th and Lehi High on January 20th.

Changing times for SCC meetings—Mr. Openshaw wanted to make sure the meeting times were good with all members. There have been a couple of patrons who wish they could attend the meetings, but work all day. The council agreed they do not want to move the scheduled meeting times. They would hope that if there are issues to bring up, the patrons would work through the SCC representatives of their area or e-mail the item they would like to have discussed.

Items/Concerns from Council Members—Charter Schools? Rockwell is in the UHSAA as a 2A school. Therefore students will be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities at Westlake as long as Rockwell does not offer them and the student lives in our attendance area. There is a good communication between Rockwell and Westlake. We want to keep it that way. Dress Code? What will the dress code look like at Westlake? Mr. Openshaw will follow the ASD regulations on dress code and would like to cinch it down a little more. This is still a work-in progress.

Trustlands—It is time to start to think about how the council would like to spend the 2009-10 Trustland monies. Mr. Openshaw would like to discuss this at our meeting in February. Some of the proposed ideas are:

1. Help fund a teacher for a Daily Algebra class
2. Help fund the Master Student Class
3. Help with funding for additional trackers
4. Late busses on Remediation Tuesday's
5. Math Textbooks
6. Computer Labs

NEXT MEETING: February 23, 2009
1:00pm
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FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: Master Student—Cost?? (Stephanie)
Faculty Update
Report on Registration/Assembly Days
Trustland Funds