

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2014 – 4:00pm

WHS Front Conference Room

Attending: Audrey Barton, Lynne Benham, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, John Festin, Nicolette Fike, Ruth Gowans, Caleb Miller, Fred Openshaw, Kerrienne Sabey, Trevor Schramm, Aprill Triggs, Ryan Tyson, Angela Webb

Sophomore Day Follow-Up Discussion:

- Each member was asked to come to this meeting with their top three ideas they had received from members in their communities
- Sophomores liked to get the clubs involved more both in the spring and in the fall
- Sophomores want to be better prepared on what clubs will be offered. Have more information about clubs during the spring assembly.
- Parents like the tour idea. This would be available during the summer and just before school. The tours would be an “open tour” concept. We would want to advertise when student council would be here and available to give the tours. Have set days and hours for the tours.
- Parents thought it would be helpful if there could be a quick-reference guide for all the clubs that would give a commitment level, cost, more descriptive detail about the club, etc. This way, families could see if it would work for them or not and be prepared prior to Club Rush week.
- Have a “sophomore day” the Monday before school starts, which would roll right into a fee payment evening.

Fall Events—Update:

- Drama was in the top 5 at the Shakespeare Festival
- Dance Company was in the top 2 and the trio was spotlighted at the closing event
- Volleyball improved from last season but didn't qualify for state
- Football made great strides from last year. There was strong progress overall in the program.
- Beginning with the winter sports teams, the administration will be in attendance at the parent meeting. They will visit with parents only, while their players are out of the room. The discussion will be how the parents are to handle themselves at games and during the season. If parents cannot handle themselves at games, they will be invited to leave. It is a privilege to be at games—we want supportive fans only!
- If there needs to be a discussion, the parent and athlete will be able to speak with the coach, upon setting you an appointment. The line of communication needs to be open between coaches, parents, and athlete
- Marching band had a great season. They came out of state 3rd in the 5A division. All season, they came in 2nd or 3rd at the competitions.
- Cross Country did extremely well this year again. We ended in the top 5. We are in a tough region. Four out of the top five came from our region.
- The administration is looking forward to the winter events! Tryouts are next week.

SAGE Data:

- Westlake High School ended in the Top 25 in the state.
- Westlake High School was 49.9% overall. Out of all the high schools in the district, we came in 3rd! This is a great accomplishment!
- All of the SAGE data can be found on at <http://www.schools.utah.gov/SAGE/> or by going to the home page of our website <http://whs.alpineschools.org/>
- In math, Secondary 1, 2, and 3 will test this year.
- Our feeders, Vista Heights Middle School and Frontier Middle School are both doing well in all subjects.
- Overall, the administration is pleased with how Westlake scored on the SAGE test. It is a different test, that is scored differently however, the trends are the same from where we were at with CRT scores.
- Scores will be loaded into Skyward. It will be the overall percentage. If parents would like the complete report, they can come into the counseling office a copy.

Items from Council Members:

- Counseling will be going into history classes to give presentations to the sophomores.
- Counselors will meet with juniors right before Christmas
- An awesome ACT prep sight that works is <http://www.shmoot.com/>
- The counseling office has been doing role plays to help with different situations--learning how to handle parent and/or student situation
- The 9th grade students from Frontier Middle School came to Westlake without anyone being deficient credit! Way to go Frontier!
- Saturday attendance school needs to be stricter and more have better structure. This last one seemed more like a party.
- Parking is getting really bad. Something to look at for future years is to possibly have 10 minute parking (in and out) for parents who are running in to check out their student.
- The information that is discussed at the steering committee meeting could be beneficial if that information was given to the SCC council members, they could help get the word out to others in their community.
- Having consistency within the teachers across the building would be helpful to parents and students.
- Parents are appreciative to the teachers who are emailing parents about the progress with their student!
- Westlake has definitely grown in spirit and unity over the past 5+ years! It is great to see!
- The play is coming at the end of November. They are doing "Catch Me If You Can".

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: Start reviewing the School Improvement Plan, along with the Trustlands Plan

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2015
5:00pm
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