

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2015 - 5:00pm
WHS Front Conference Room

Attending: Lynne Benham, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, Nicolette Fike, Wendy Ford, Ruth Gowans, Fred Openshaw, Kerriann Sabey, Aprill Triggs, Ryan Tyson, Angela Webb

Absent: Audrey Barton, John Festin, Caleb Miller, Trevor Schramm

Ryan Tyson welcomed the group to the April meeting. The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

Meet Mr. Gary Twitchell

Mr. Openshaw had the privilege to introduce Westlake High School's new Principal, Gary Twitchell. Gary was in attendance at the meeting as was able to give the council a brief introduction of himself. He is very excited to be principal of such a wonderful school and is eager to work towards training our staff better on watching for the signs of self-hurting students. He wants to raise the awareness in the community and get the community on board with this issue. He comes from a family of educators and is very knowledgeable of what it takes to run a school.

Trustlands

- The Trustlands website is not working properly therefore, the new deadline is April 17, 2015 to finish the Progress Report and the Trustland Plan.
- They are no longer doing a signature sheet. Each voting member will receive an email asking for an electronic signature to sign-off the Trustlands Plan.
- There is a change to the plan—the \$21,141 that was put towards teacher meetings and departments to work together for \$100 collaboration days during the summer, was voted on and approved to get changed to spend \$225 collaboration days for teacher meetings during the summer. The budget of \$21,141 will remain the same.

SCC Elections

- There will be 2 members for the Saratoga Shores/Sage Hills area because of 2 people that had submitted from the Saratoga Shores Elementary area. This was voted on from the council and approved, therefore an election will not happen.
- Pony Express Elementary had one member apply
- Harvest Elementary had one member apply
- Blackridge Elementary had one member apply
- Hidden Hollow Elementary area is the only area that is not represented

Items from Council Members

- The council all had very nice things to say regarding the play. Kudos to Ms. Morrey!
- The council appreciated the Hope Squad assembly and felt like the Hope Squad is doing great things!
- Parent concern regarding parental resources in math—"How to help parents help their students". They love and appreciate the online homework! Could there be an online tutorial as well? Could there be a unit rubric handed out and sent home so parents know what students will be studying

during that unit? There needs to be better communication between teacher and parent so parents can be successful in helping their students.

- A concern of incoming sophomores getting into AP classes was brought up. Mr. Openshaw said that if sophomores were in the Spanish immersion program, they would be able to get into the AP Spanish class when the counselors came to the middle schools to meet with each student. All other AP requests for sophomores had to go through an appeals process with the counselor and administration.
- A concern about a teacher teaching "reverse classroom" style was brought up. This is when the material is given to the students to see what they know and then if they don't know the information, then the time is spent teaching it. Parents are concerned with this approach. Mr. Openshaw will talk to this teacher.
- There is a FREE math tutor available to all students every Tuesday night from 5-8pm in room B121. The tutor is skilled in all levels of math. There is FREE tutoring also available in the Math lab at UVU every day until 9pm.
- Registration ran much better this year! Parents overall are pleased!
- Kudos to the ProStart team! They won State and will be going to California for Nationals. 😊

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, May 7, 2015

5:00pm

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PTSA/SCC Combined

Will Invite NEW Council Members