

Westlake High School  
**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 2, 2012 – 7:00pm  
WHS Lecture Hall

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Attending: Audrey Barton, Rita Bowers, Natalie Clark, Debbie Clegg, Lisa Gibby, Tani Ireland, Scott Mansfield, Caleb Miller, Fred Openshaw, Kristin Turner, Ryan Tyson, Burgandy VanWagenen

Absent: Todd Abney, John Festin, Jen Finau, Julie Wallace, Franci Warner

Ryan Tyson welcomed the group to the February meeting. The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

Governor's Youth Council—

- Westlake High School has been selected as a pilot program to integrate the "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens", written by Sean Covey.
- Time would need to be spent in training our teachers how to integrate this into their classrooms
- Mr. Openshaw suggested that GYC get organized as a school club next fall during Club Rush week and get an advisor who is on staff to help oversee this.
- As a functioning club, they can promote this and get momentum then the following year should have more success with carrying out this program.
- This is an awesome opportunity for Westlake—it will be exciting to see where this goes.

Incentive Program—

- Monday, February 13, 2012 is Minimal Day. On this particular Minimal Day is the incentive program where each department presents what they are doing to have success in their classrooms.
- Teachers, administrators and parents rate each department.
- 4 parents are needed to help with this.
- John Festin, Tani Ireland, Debbie Clegg and Nicky Fike all volunteered to do this.

Parking—

Most feel that:

- "It is a right not a privilege."
- Parents/Students want the hanging parking pass so it can be transferred from one car to another.
- Students need to be able to drive to school, therefore need to be able to park on campus without problems.
- It is a safety issue for cars to be parked on Thunder Blvd. (200 West).

It is proposed that:

- Students must park in the parking lot. They can use Q1, Q2 or Q3 stickers from this year to make them eligible.
- We will still ask Saratoga Springs City to close Thunder Blvd. from corner to corner.

Next school year:

- Use hanging parking passes
- Should there be an incentive as to how close students can park, according to grades?
- Should it be term by term or buy one pass for the complete year?
- If good GPA, could the pass be given at a free or reduced rate?
- As a council, we will look at all these options and make it work for parents and students.
- There will also be clearer signage for the faculty and visitor parking.

- Announcements will be made every day to help get students off of Thunder Blvd. immediately. The parking proposal for the remainder of this year was approved by the council.

#### Academic Booster Club Report—

- Elections for the academic booster club are getting organized
- The organization of the Booster Club is moving along nicely.
- They are meeting to get the bi-laws finalized, the mission statement established and acknowledge the purpose of the booster club
- The next meeting will be on February 16, 2012 at 6pm in the lecture hall.
- There is a webpage established for all the details of the booster club. It is, [sites.google.com/site/westlakeacademicboosterclub](http://sites.google.com/site/westlakeacademicboosterclub)
- The booster club will also work with the hallway volunteers as well as the tutoring program.

#### Trustlands Budget Discussion—

- The Trustlands budget is tied directly to the SIP plan which is to increase graduation rates.
- The proposed Trustlands budget for 2012-13 is \$89,221
- Mr. Openshaw would like to propose the following be looked at to spend next year's budget on:
  - Professional Development Time --\$6,800
    - Teachers would be able to attend conferences/workshops
  - Student Advocates--\$20,000
  - "Eastshore" Center--\$20,000
  - "Hub site" --\$20,000
    - This will allow the hub site to begin at the beginning of the year rather than the middle of the year. The tutoring center would be linked to this.
  - Computer Lab--\$30,000

The Eastshore Center/Tutorial Center will work together and be open all day. It will be a privilege based class. Students will get elective credit for the hub class. There will be 1 teacher and 2 classified (support staff) to run the center. We need to look at what will benefit the most students. Can we find enough money to have the whole list? Mr. Openshaw will report back if this is possible. The late bus, Rosetta Stone software and Nova Net software were not listed as possibilities for the Trustlands Budget because they are the least beneficial to increase graduation rate.

#### Student Report—

- Burgandy Vanwagenen has the "girls point of view" movie clip for dress code. It will be on our website soon. The new Thunder News will also be posted.

#### Council Items/Concerns—

- Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. If anyone can help PTSA bring food in for the teachers, please let Debbie Clegg know.
- Are we recording SCC minutes?
- Do we have functioning bi-laws for SCC?
- The school board areas have been redistricted.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: Trustlands Budget—Can we find the money to fund everything on the "wish list"?

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 1, 2012  
7:00pm  
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