

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

Thursday, January 28, 2010 – 12:00 Noon

Front Office Conference Room

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Attending: Todd Abney, Natalie Clark, Laura Giles, Tani Ireland, Ashleigh O'Connor, Fred Openshaw, Allison Randall, Kate Ross, Brady Rowley, Julie Wallace

Excused: Julie Barnum, Stephanie Cottam, John Festin, Cassie Gross, Ryan Tyson

Fred Openshaw welcomed the group, excusing both John Festin, Chariman and Stephanie Cottam, Co-Chairman from the meeting. The minutes from the December meeting were read and approved.

Middle School/High School Boundaries—The board approved the boundaries at their board meeting Tuesday, January 26, 2010. The new middle school boundaries are the same as the high school—everything west of the Jordan River. The middle school will be 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade will continue to attend the high school for the next 4 – 5 years. November of 2011 will be the next possible election that a bond could be voted on. If it is passed, it could move quickly however, it can't go to bid until the bond is approved. The boundary feedback and decision was based on making true feeders into the high schools rather than maximizing building space. The Legislature is in negotiations right now. Alpine School District is projecting a very large hit in their budget where they would have to pull from "rainy day funds" to help with this hit. The district is also looking at increasing the student to teacher ratio. Currently the ratio is 25.5/1 for a high school. They would like to increase class sizes to 27.5/1. By doing this, they would save 9.5 – 10 million dollars. Westlake will be able to hold 2100-2200 students. We would have to bring in trailers at about 2600 students. Mr. Openshaw predicts that we will have trailers before we get relief.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Plans—Plans to help the 9<sup>th</sup> grade are still being looked at. The bell schedule is being revised to help suit them better. There have been requests come from parents for 9<sup>th</sup> grade to have their own lunch. The administration is looking at this strongly. 9<sup>th</sup> grade will have pure math, geography, English and biology classes. World Civilization will be offered again. Freshman will have their own student government that will meet before school with their own advisor. A guided study hall will be provided for freshman only. Class offerings are being shifted—9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> can not take more than one AP class. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must have an A to take AP classes.

Teacher Incentive Plan—Brad Abney has committed to attend the Teacher Incentive Plan. Allison Randall will look at her calendar and let Mr. Openshaw know. It is on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Term 1 and 2 Report—There is a 93% passing rate for term 1 and 88% for term 2. There has been an additional tracker hired to help with getting students on track especially in the athletic area.

Driver's Ed—The driver's ed program can continue to run next year. Other schools are looking at the same program. Other students can take driver's ed at Westlake as long as they pay \$135 to do so. The feedback has been wonderful from the areas that the council represents.

Math and Science 3<sup>rd</sup> Term Pilot Program—Math and Science will be piloting a program for 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Mastery will be lowered to 70% on TMT's rather than 80%. If a student passes all TMT's, they would receive a D as their grade. These two subjects have been chosen to pilot this because they are black and white. It will be the easiest for us to see if this is really effective. There is a large group of students who are stuck between the 70 and 80 percent range after taking TMT's multiple times and can't hit the 80%

passing mark. We do not want to lower our standards and goals but we also do not want students to get discouraged either. Mr. Openshaw will report on the status of this at the end of third term.

Trustlands & SIP—In looking at setting our SIP for next year and see where the Trustland monies should be spent some ideas that Mr. Openshaw had were:

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| 1. | Rotate 1 mini lab              | Approximate Cost--\$10,000  |
| 2. | Career Center (16 computers)   | Approximate Cost--\$10,000  |
| 3. | Hire 2 more trackers           | Approximate Cost--\$15,000  |
| 4. | Bring Eastshore here full time | Approximate Cost --\$15,000 |
| 5. | NovaNet or APEX Software       | Approximate Cost--\$10,000  |
| 6. | Rosetta Stone Software         | Approximate Cost--\$15,000  |

Last year, we were given \$38,786. Projections for this year are around \$41,000-\$42,000. Mr. Openshaw asked the council to come to the next meeting with their top three (3) choices of where they would like to see the money spent. Signatures will be needed at the meeting in April.

SCC Elections—There will be elections for the council members who's areas are Saratoga Shores, Harvest, Eagle Valley, and the new elementary in city center (Eagle Mountain). The elections will run at our Parent/Teacher Conference on April 28, 2010. Help will be needed from the council to make it run.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:	Top 3 Trustlands Ideas
	SIP Plan that ties directly to funds

NEXT MEETING:	Monday, February 22, 2010
	12:00 Noon
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