

Westlake High School  
**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
September 4, 2014 - 5:00pm

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**Attending:** Lynne Benham, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, John Festin, Nicolette Fike, Ruth Gowans, Caleb Miller, Fred Openshaw, Kerrienne Sabey, Ryan Tyson, Angela Webb

**Excused:** Marla Anderson, Audrey Barton, Trevor Schramm, Aprill Triggs

Ryan Tyson welcomed the group to the September meeting. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

**SAGE Testing Date:**

- There have some parents coming in wanting to opt out of the common core.
- Mr. Openshaw is advising them to work with their local leaders on this issue.
- We are not running SAGE testing this fall. This is a decision from Alpine School District.

**Start-Up:**

- There was a bomb threat called in the first day of school
- School was cancelled the first day of school
- The first source in how we could spread the word about the closure was through Twitter. This was the only way since we couldn't access our computers in the school.
- Parents and students helped us reach others by using Facebook.
- Once the district PR personnel were here, they arranged for the calling/email system to send a message.
- Bus drivers were told to continue to do their routes and let students know who were standing at bus stops otherwise, they would possibly think it was a bus issue. This was just another resource for us to use.
- The first football game was cancelled because of lightning. They were able to play on Saturday.
- The stomp was also cancelled.
- It was a crazy start up!

**Fields:**

- There has been a meeting with football parents regarding the safety of their players while playing on our football field.
- If there are students that have been hurt because of the fields, Mr. Openshaw has asked that he is emailed the details of the event(s).
- It needs to stay factual of what happened in the instance.

**Back to School Night:**

- The attendance for Back to School Night was marginal—at best.

- What do we want to do for sophomores?
- Mr. Openshaw has asked the council to get ideas and come to the next meeting with how we want to do a Back to School Night for them.
- Trevor Schramm will report on what other schools in the district are doing for their sophomores.

#### **ACT Data:**

- Westlake ACT Composite score was equal to the state average.
- This data includes the free test the juniors took in the spring along with what everyone else signed up for last year.
- There is an ACT committee that is preparing questions for teachers to use on quizzes and tests so students can get used to how the questions are worded on the ACT test. This is part of the battle of scoring well on the ACT test.

#### **AP Data:**

- The amount of students taking AP test is higher than it has been in years past.
- If students are not performing in an AP class, they are asked to leave that class.
- The AP data was overall good. Still moving in the right direction...still a lot of room for improvement.
- We have added more concurrent enrollment offerings and would really like to have all seniors take at least one AP and/or one concurrent enrollment class before they leave Westlake High.

#### **Observer Tab (Teacher Evaluations):**

- The administrators will be in the classrooms evaluating teachers 5-6 times throughout the year, which is much more than it has been in years past.
- As long as the teacher teaches to the core and they collaborate on Monday afternoons like they should, they will be fine on their evaluations. It will take care of itself.
- Teachers should have new assignments entered into Skyward by the end of the week.
- Late work should be entered when the teacher gets it in.

#### **Items from Council Members:**

- There are 3 new concurrent enrollment classes offered this year.
- Why does the football field get all of the soccer bleachers? Soccer and Football are splitting them. We are also renting some so we have enough. This was another way to try and solve the field issue the best way we can.
- The students seem very happy with the activities so far.

**\*\*2 Trustland Video's watched\*\***

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:00pm**

**WHS Front Conference Room**