

Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 9, 2018 – 5pm
Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Shawna Backus, Audrey Barton, Lynne Benham, Lori Blakesley, Mickelle Bos, Karin Brown, Natalie Clark, Erin Davis, Janelle Fuhrman, Kelcy Furey, Joylin Lincoln, Kerriane Sabey, Aprill Triggs, Daren Ward, Harmony Withers, Kelly Woodrum

Excused: Nicolette Fike, Jen Sorensen, Gary Twitchell

Mickelle Bos welcomed the group to the first School/Community Council meeting of the 2018-19 school year! Introductions of each member and the area they represent were given. The minutes from the May 2018 meeting were read and approved.

WHS Studco presented the following:

- Parking
 - Make the front parking lot (in front of the gym), a senior only parking lot, which would be 220 spots.
 - The cost of the pass would be somewhere between \$100 to \$150—80% of the funds raised would go toward the Christmas Jars Fundraiser, and 20% of funds would go toward the senior gift.
 - The pass # would collate with the individual parking stall. There would be a pass for the front of the car as well as a sticker for the back window of the car.
 - There would have to be tickets given if “your” spot was taken.
 - Correct signage and enough notifications must be given for when the passes go on sale.
 - What would the athletes do if they come early morning?
 - The hope would be to eventually allow students personalize “their” parking spot.
 - Would the spot stay open—even if the senior does not show up?
 - The overall feeling from the council was that it would split and divide the student body. It gives a sense of entitlement if one student can afford it over another student. Westlake is too large to implement something like this—maybe when there are less students??? The amount of \$150 is not a board-approved fee. We can only charge \$5 for parking permits.
- Advisory Time Discussion
 - Could there be an advisory time of 25-30 minutes given in between lunches???
 - This would also be something that could be used as a study period also.
 - The management and logistics is the tough part!
 - The administration has already taken this to the steering committee to see if there was an interest from our teachers. The overall consensus was the effectiveness of an advisory time hooked to lunch, does not work as well. Maybe between a 1st and 2nd period???
 - The administration is HIGHLY ENCOURAGING teachers to have a bell ringer assignment or quiz. Something the students know they can't make up if they miss it.

Graduation

- Our graduation rate is 95.3%! We are 3rd in the district!!!
- The council agreed that graduation was awesome! Michael O'Connor did a fantastic job in reading the names. It was a long graduation...Westlake will try to shorten it.
- We will go back to two people announcing names.

SCC Chair/Co-Chair

- Lynne Benham was nominated for chairman of the 2018-19 SCC council. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Lori Blakesley was nominated as co-chair of the 2018-19 SCC council. The motion was seconded and approved.

2018-19 Class Sizes

- Our numbers are coming in at 3400 students.
- On-level core classes are staying right around 28 students.
- Honors and AP classes are a little higher at about 38 students, however, this clientele are usually ones that can handle a larger class size.
- Elective classes are a little higher than that—depending on what class it is.
- Early morning classes are full and are fully utilized.

Parking

- As of today, there are 150 parking passes available for the driving range lot.
- The premium parking passes are sold out.

Back to School

- Back to School night is on Wednesday, August 15th from 3-8pm.
- Teachers will be available in their rooms, lockers, finance, club information, student success information will be given in the lecture hall, tours, lunch and bus schedules, etc. are all included in this night.
- The “what you can accomplish” while at back to school night will be emailed out to the parents prior to August 15th.

SCC Meeting Schedule

- September 6, 2018
- October 4, 2018
- November 1, 2018
- January 10, 2019
- February 7, 2019
- March 7, 2019
- May 2, 2019
- June 6, 2019

All meeting will be held in the front office conference room at 5pm on the dates listed above.

Cedar Valley High School

- Principal, Courtney Johnson, Assistant Principal, Scott Mansfield and Administrative Assistant, Amy Case can all be reached by calling 801-610-8825. They are housed in two rooms in Westlake’s media center.
- Registrar, Laura O’Connor can be reached by calling 801-610-8815, ext. 790. She is housed in the Westlake counseling office.
- The school is looking great and coming right along!

Items from Council Members

- Yay! For the turf field!
- The council asked for more emails and updates regarding the road construction—especially with school starting.
- If parents want to set-up an Automatic Withdrawl for their student fees, they can do so however, it can only include the required fees—the optional fees must be paid for up front. The yearbooks can be purchased for \$45 until December 1, 2018.
- Will the “W” be replaced? There are several complaints and comments about this. The administration will discuss this issue and report back to the council at the next meeting.
- Will the hammer outside be replaced? Mr. Twitchell is looking to add one in the commons area as well as finding something that can be easily removed from the rock on the stadium.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 06, 2018 at 5pm, in the front office conference room.