

Westlake High School

# SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 2, 2017 – 5pm  
WHS Front Office Conference Room

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Attending: Lynne Benham, Kent Bills, Lori Blakesley, Mickelle Bos, Natalie Clark, Erin Davis, Nicolette Fike, Kelsey Furey, Courtney Johnson, Aprill Triggs, Gary Twitchell, Christi Walsh, Kelly Woodrum

Student Reps: McKenna Goodrich, Bethany Twede

Lynne Benham welcomed the group to the November meeting. The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

## Update

- The district is helping us resolve our debt. They have given us \$50,000 thus far.
- Since the weapon incident, Mr. Twitchell is looking to restructure the safety policy and establish a “layer program” to help with communication to our patrons in an instance such as this one. We realize that we needed to notify parents much quicker than we did that day. There was never a threat to any of the students or faculty.

## Trustlands Report

- Mr. Twitchell handed the current Trustland report to the council members.
- We hit the mark on the graduation rate. Our School Improvement Plan exceeded the original goal.
- Language Arts was slightly down as well as science. Both departments have been talked to.
- Math increased tremendously! We ended up 1<sup>st</sup> in the district on our math scores! 😊
- AP pass rate has improved! This is such an accomplishment! Still room for growth, but definitely on the right track.
- Ms. Bos is working on “pathways” or “flow charts” to help parents and students see the correct path in the classes students should be taking. She will be visiting the middle schools to present this information to them. She is also looking to provide an informational night. Good communication between the middle schools, parents and Westlake are key.
- As we are building the master schedule for next year, it was requested to make sure the AP classes are offered multiple sections to avoid conflicts for those students who want to take multiple AP classes.
- Mr. Twitchell would really like to see students take a minimum of three (3) AP classes throughout their 4 years of high school.
- The method for which Westlake is “ranking” students is:

- ACT Max Score of 36
- GPA Max GPA is 4.0 then times by 10
- AP 1 point for every AP, or college course
- This figure will give us an accurate read for ranking and is used to determine our Top Thunder Scholars, who sits on the stand at graduation.

### **Trustlands Videos**

- All members were given the link to watch the Trustlands Training Videos. They can be found at <http://www.schoollandtrust.org/training/films/>. All agreed to watch them prior to our next meeting.

### **Parent/Teacher Conference**

- Wednesday, November 14, 2017
- 3-8pm in the Commons/Cafeteria
- Spread the word!
- Colleges will be on the commons area balcony for parents to take advantage of

### **Items from Council Members**

- Christmas Jars is coming...please support!
- The PTSA Town Hall Community Meeting went well.
- November 27<sup>th</sup> will be the boundary meeting. The boundaries for the New Eagle Mountain High School will be shared. School/Community Council members and PTSA are invited to the 7am meeting with Westlake's faculty and staff. Other community members are invited to the 4pm meeting.
- Honor roll recognition will be taking place. The counseling center is just finalizing everything.

The meeting was adjourned. There is not a meeting in December. ***The next meeting will be January 4, 2018 at 5pm in the WHS Front office conference room.*** All patrons/public are welcome to attend.