

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 22, 2010 – 12:00 Noon
Front Conference Room

Attending: Julie Barnum, Natalie Clark, Stephanie Cottam, John Festin, Laura Giles, Cassie Gross, Tani Ireland, Ashleigh O'Connor, Fred Openshaw, Allison Randall, Kate Ross, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace

Excused: Todd Abney

John Festin welcomed the group to the March 22nd meeting. The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

Board Member Election—Cassie Gross, our district SCC representative took a few minutes and encouraged patrons in our area to register to vote and have good representation from this area. Students can register to vote up to 1 year prior to turning 18 years old. Most seniors will be talking to the counselors in the next couple months as they are working through the clearance process for graduation. Counselors could have the voter's registration form in their offices and have them register at the same time. They are highly encouraged to participate. Parent/Teacher conferences on April 28th would be a good possibility to have a table where SCC members could help get people registered. It is important that our voice is heard from this area. A discussion will take place at our next SCC meeting as to how we would possibly like to see this happen.

Advisory Discussion—The advisory discussion for next year is going strong. Advisory will not be tied to lunch next year. Currently, there are two different strong possibilities that are being discussed.

Option #1: Have the 15 minutes tied back into the end of each class Tuesday through Friday

- Pros: Remediation would be more immediate
- Teachers could lump it into 1-30 minute advisory time/week
- Students will have time to do homework
- .25 credit can be given to students who give tutoring time in a classroom
- Cons: 15 minutes each day is really not enough time to give a TMT
- Would teachers really stop teaching and give students advisory time?

Option #2: Make Monday an 8 period day where it would be used for advisory time

- Pros: Time would be put back into the classes Tuesday through Friday also
- The district A/B calendar would be followed
- Teacher could give an outline of the week as to what homework will be given
- Cons: 4 shared teachers—will have sub issues every other week
- MATC, Distance Ed students
- Some elective classes with setting up and taking down will lose time

Each department will come up with a consensus within their departments. Each department chair will come to a faculty council meeting on April 14th where consensus between them will be met. Once the decision is made, Mr. Openshaw will bring it to SCC and PTSA to present the information at the April meeting.

Attendance Policy—This year, our attendance policy is not working. An attendance committee has been meeting to come up with a policy everyone can abide by. Some things they are discussing: A parent excuse is okay, homework will not be accepted if the absence is unexcused and more immediate contact to parents (through the student advocate program). Mr. Openshaw will report on this at the April meeting.

Headwear—Mr. Openshaw is proposing that the only headwear that will be allowed to be worn next year will be Westlake gear. This rule would be applied in the halls, classrooms are up to the teacher. Hoods up on hoodies will not be allowed either. The council liked the idea.

Trustlands/SIP—Mr. Openshaw would like to have the goal of a 3% increase of students graduating from the current year to next. He would like to see it as a 2 year goal. The council felt good about this. The proposed budget for the Trustland funds are:

\$11,000	Career Center Computers
\$ 8,000	Eastshore (increase to 4 periods/day)
\$ 9,000	Nova Net Software
\$15,000	Rosetta Stone Software
\$ 4,000	Go My Access Software (9 th grade only)
<u>\$13,136</u>	Advocates (Trackers)
\$60,136	TOTAL

The SIP and Trustland budget was voted on and approved. Mr. Openshaw will write the application and have it ready for signatures at our meeting next Monday.

Other items—Eastshore and extended year classes will be offered this summer. Our website has all dates and time listed for anyone who is interested. Prom was a hit. Parents enjoyed the auditorium being set-up for picture taking. Some questioned the price, but overall the students and parents felt good about the outcome.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Signatures from council members on Trustland application (March 29th meeting)
Attendance Policy—April 26th meeting
Advisory—April 26th meeting
Election (Board Member) March 29th meeting

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, March 29, 2010
12:00 Noon
Front Conference Room