

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

Thursday, August 10, 2017 – 10am  
WHS Front Office Conference Room

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

Mr. Twitchell welcomed the group to the August meeting. The minutes from the June meeting were read and approved. Clarification was given regarding the following:

- SAGE testing is back for another year. This is for sophomores only.
  - Parents can opt out if they choose to
- Juniors will be accountable for the ACT
  - Parents can opt out if they choose to
- Participation in extra-curricular activities will be based on grades and attendance. This will be watched much closer this school year.

**2017-18 School/Community Council Chair**

- Lynne Benham was nominated for the SCC chair for the 2017-18 school year. The motion was voted and unanimously approved.

**NEW Hires**

- Stacie Hullinger—Counselor (intern)
- Nathan Rindlibaker—CTE/FFA
- Makayla Jensen—English (intern)
- Alexa Martin—English (intern)
- Michelle Ostrin—English
- Kara Hunter—English
- Jared Sturm—English
- Danielle Macias—English
- Angela Kelly—Math
- Rebecca Garity—Math
- Alyssa Champagne—PE/Health
- Steve Anderson—PE/Health
- Sophie Seegmiller—PE/Health
- Adam Burrows—PE/Health
- Cassidy Bodily—Science (intern)
- Jared Hammer—Science (intern)
- Nathan Crandall—Science
- Julia Grimes—Science
- Kylee Wixom—Social Studies (intern)
- Meghan Fuller—Social Studies (intern)
- Kara Manwill—Special Ed
- DJ Conger—Special Ed
- Loretta McClure—Special Ed
- Kelly Boyles—Visual Arts
- Mariah Benson—Visual Arts
- Quintin McCann—Visual Arts
- Whitney Randall—ASL (intern)
- Hallie Hayes—Spanish
- Shannah Kanet—ASL
- Dalton Dunn—Financial Literacy

## Rooms/Limited Space

- There are 2 roaming teachers
- 85% of the building is used this year
- Next year is a concern—Mr. Twitchell will have a meeting with his boss to discuss all options
- Currently, there are 3084 students enrolled
- Mr. Twitchell has asked for one additional FTE, which would be used to buy preps and bring class sizes down.
- Earth Systems has 50+ students in each class—need to get those numbers down. Going forward, Westlake is working with the middle schools for a smoother transition. The ideal situation is for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to take Earth Systems at the middle school level.
- Pathway charts are being created to help with the flow

## Trustlands

- Student advocates have all been hired. There will be two advocates working directly with students in the Eastshore Center.
- All other student advocates will be part of an SST team, which includes an admin, 2 counselors and the student advocate. There will be direct accountability to Mr. Twitchell from each SST team.

## Back to School Night

- Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:30pm
- Teachers will be available in their rooms
- Disclosure documents and/or syllabus (curriculum map) will be available
- Student council will be giving tours
- Clubs will be set up in the commons area so new students and incoming sophomores can see what is available and offered.
  - For anyone interested in a new club and/or joining an existing club, Club Rush Week will go from August 28 – September 1.
- Lockers will be given
- Parking Passes will be available
- Counselors will be available and will be conducting class change requests
- Parents will have the opportunity to learn about the Skyward app in the media center
- Sophomores and new students can receive their FREE t-shirt
- Lunch money can be paid
- Lunch schedule will be posted
- Bus schedules will be posted
- Finance will be available to take student fees
- Parents can sign on to Skyward and approve the new computer usage information

## Athletic Director/Administrative Changes

- All the athletics have been restructured. Mike and Sharon will equally share in the responsibility. The sports/activities have been divided out.
- Sharon has the following:
  - Ballroom
  - Boys Basketball
  - Boys Tennis
  - Dance Company
  - Girls Basketball
  - Softball
  - Swimming
  - Volleyball
  - Cross-Country
- Mike has the following:
  - Baseball
  - Boys Soccer
  - Cheer
  - Drill
  - Football

- Girls Soccer
- Golf
- Marching Band
- Track & Field
- Winterguard
- Wrestling
- Ashlee McKray has left Westlake—Trevor Schramm is now ½ time admin, ½ time teaching
- Mickelle is full time TAA/PLC Coordinator—she is no longer teaching
- Courtney Johnson is an assistant principal this year and then will be focusing on opening the new Eagle Mountain high school next year.

### **SCC Council Member Update**

- The following positions are still available:
  - Hidden Hollow Elementary Area
  - Saratoga Shores Elementary Area
  - Pony Express Elementary Area
  - Black Ridge Elementary Area
  - Eagle Valley Elementary Area
  - Springside Elementary Area

Current council members will reach out to patrons they know in those areas to see if they would be interested in serving on the council. After the September meeting, members can be appointed at-large.

### **SCC Meeting Schedule**

- September 7, 2017
- October 5, 2017
- November 2, 2017
- January 4, 2018
- February 1, 2018
- March 1, 2018
- March 29, 2018
- May 3, 2018
- June 7, 2018

All meetings will be held on a Thursday at 5pm in the front office conference room.

### **Items from Council Members**

- Ms. Johnson let the council know that she would start meeting regarding the boundaries for the new Eagle Mountain high school. Patrons can visit #eaglemountainhigh to stay current.
- Ms. Bos brought the dispositions poster to the council's attention. This is something that the district is requiring of all schools. We will be focusing on one disposition each month.
- Mr. Twitchell shared the graduation rate with the council. Westlake came in at 93.06%, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest!

Meeting was adjourned.