Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2016 – 5pm
WHS Front Conference Room


Mr. Twitchell welcomed the group to the first School/Community Council meeting of the year. The minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

Chairman/Co-Chair Selection
- Angela Webb was nominated for the SCC Chairman. It was motioned on, seconded and approved.
- At this time, a selection of a co-chair was not made. The council didn’t feel it was necessary.

Trustlands Expenditures
- Ipdas, projectors, screens and printers were ordered using Trustland funds.
- Currently, we are waiting on the screens to come in so they can be hung. Projectors and Ipdas are already here...the screens need to be hung first.
- We have district personnel on standby to hang and mount the projectors.
- Ipdas will be distributed. A training will occur with those teachers who are receiving a new ipad.
- Summer collaboration days have also been paid out of Trustland funds.
- At this point, we will let the dust settle and see where the Trustlands budget is before we continue to move on with spending.
- A tour of the new satellites was given by Mr. Twitchell to those council members who wanted to see what they look like.

Start-Up Schedule
- The Back to School/Open House that was held on August 18th had great reviews! Parents and students appreciated the effort that was put in.
- Teachers need to have their syllabus ready that evening if parents want it.
- The hours were well liked and appreciated!
- It was a good start-up!

School Grades
- The school report card came out. Westlake received a B grade!
- We ranked 6/25 high schools!
- We have great teachers and staff to make this happen!
- The mission statement “Light and Excellence” is being pushed in classrooms. Mr. Twitchell wants teachers to realize what our mission statement means in their individual classroom/program.
- There is definitely room for improvement but Westlake is a great school!

Growth/Bond Information
- Alpine School District is trying for a $387-million-dollar bond.
- This will NOT increase taxes.
- There are plans for both a high school and middle school planned in this bond.
Currently, Westlake has 2944 students. Minimally we will have 3300 in the 2017-18 school year, and up to at least 3600 students in the 2018-19 school year.

At best, it would be the fall of 2019 before we would see any relief.

Mr. Twitchell is working closely with ASD to come up with a plan of how we are going to accommodate high numbers such as that.

ASD will not expedite the building of a high school.

If the bond doesn’t pass, there will not be any new schools.

**Items from the Council Members**

- Kudos to the counseling office and the Counselors in particular!
- One member was excited with the new physics hire.

Meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING:**  Thursday, October 6, 2016
5:00pm
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