

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2015 – 5:00pm
WHS Front Conference Room

Attending: Audrey Barton, Lynne Benham, Katy Brinnley, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, Angela Duke, Nicolette Fike, Wendy Ford, Ruth Gowans, Caleb Miller, Kerriane Sabey, Trevor Schramm, Aprill Triggs, Gary Twitchell, Angela Webb

Absent: Janet Cherrington

Lynne Benham welcomed the group to the September meeting. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

SCC Co-Chair Results

- Based on the results, Trevor Schramm will be the SCC co-chair for the next two years.

Out of State Trip Discussion

- Mr. Twitchell is asking for feedback from council members and their communities regarding programs and/or groups planning Out of State Trips. The thought is to allow groups to travel two out of the three years students are in that particular program/group.
- The exception would be if it is a state qualifying event. A group qualifying for “Nationals” would also be considered.
- This is to help alleviate financial pressures on families and make it so it is not expected every year.
- Should there be an east coast one year and a west coast the other year?
- A council member brought up the fact that perhaps the cost should be looked at rather than the fact it is an Out of State Trip. Sometimes, group rates will allow better deals therefore the overall cost will come in cheaper to go out of state than stay in state. The proposal was to look at the max amount of the trip.
- Another concern was if a student joins the program/group their senior year, which happens to be the year they don't tour—they would miss out on that experience.
- This year is not going to be figured in as we talk through this process.
- Please come to the next meeting with feedback from your community regarding this issue.

Start-Up Discussion

Open House

- The Open House was awesome! It was very well attended and the student council was very helpful to new students and incoming sophomores.
- The council would like the teachers to be in attendance at the Open House as well.

Back to School Night

- Not well attended—would like to combine the Open House and Back to School Night/September Parent Teacher Conference, all together!

Mr. Twitchell asked Trevor Schramm to find out what the staff would prefer. He also asked the council members to come to the next meeting with feedback from the community.

Trustlands

- *Mr. Twitchell hasn't seen the actual budget yet. He will share it as soon as he gets it.*
- *There was a motion to agree that if there is any additional extra money allocated, it will be used towards an additional computer lab. It was seconded and approved.*

***All council members will watch the Trustland videos. ***

Items from Council Members

Civics Test

- *There is a new Civics Test which has been passed as a new law that students have to take in order to graduate.*
- *It takes effect this year, therefore, we are trying to help our current senior class prepare to take this test and pass it.*
- *Students must pass a 50 question test with at least 35 questions right.*
- *We have linked all 100 questions on our website as well as the tutorials regarding the Civics Test.*
- *Students can take the test as multiple times. We are in the process of putting a plan together when our seniors will take the test for the first time—possibly College Day?*
- *Our plan for the other grades is to embed the test and the material within the Social Studies curriculum—teacher would teach the material the first semester, test would be taken the 2nd semester.*
- *The counselors will be communicating with seniors and parents about the Civics test when they start CCR's this next week.*

Other

- *Kudos to the student council, Mr. Roberts and the Administration for the way the year has started! The council had an overall feeling it was enthusiastic, organized and well thought-out.*
- *Are any of the core subjects taking the fall SAGE test? Math is considering it. English and science is not.*
- *Kudos to the communication between the school and parents! It has come a long way from a couple of years ago! Parents are appreciating the measures taken to communicate more effectively.*
- *There is a request to see the AP data. Mr. Huff said he would plan to come to the next meeting with that information.*
- *The council understands and appreciates the boundaries set regarding class changes. They like there has been a standard set and students understand the importance of picking their classes wisely during registration.*

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: *Out of State Discussion from Council Members Community
How should Open House/Back to School Night Look? Bring community feedback.
Trevor Schramm needs to come with faculty preference on Open House/Back to School
Night/PTC
Present AP Data*

NEXT MEETING: *October 1, 2015
5:00pm
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