

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 6, 2012 – 7:00pm
WHS Lecture Hall

Attending: John Festin, Fred Openshaw, Natalie Clark, Kristen Turner, Nicolette Fike, Caleb Miller, Leslie Jones, Scott Mansfield, Tani Ireland, Audrey Barton, Ryan Tyson

Absent: Todd Abney, Rita Bowers, Kim Moir, Franci Warner

John Festin welcomed the group to the September meeting. The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.

SCC Chairman/Co-Chairman—

- John Festin was nominated for the SCC Chairman. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Scott Mansfield was nominated for the SCC Co-Chairman. The motion was seconded and approved.

Start of School Report—

- The start of school this year was the best we've had.
- We finally have Westlake High students.
- We are as large as we have ever been. Currently, we have 2,518 students.
- There are 3 new head coaches this year:
 - Gary Clark—Football
 - Wayne Wood—Volleyball
 - Craig McAfee—Boys Basketball
- We have 100 certified staff this year however, it will decrease the following year.
- We have a nice, new 14 room satellite. It is working nice.
- The 9th grade students are very impressive. Several teachers have commented on how well-behaved they have been so far.

Trustlands Discussion—

- Our Trustlands budget came in at \$101,582 with \$703.91 that carried over from last year.
- It was proposed that the \$703.91 carry over money be put into the substitute account. It was motioned and approved.
- It was proposed that \$3,000 be added to the equipment account for 1 classroom set of graphing calculators. This was motioned on and approved.
- The remaining will be added to the student advocate account, as was previously approved.

CRT Data—

- Mr. Openshaw showed the 2012 CRT data. Westlake is doing well. We are now sitting 4th in the district. In a small three years window, we have moved up 6 places. We are definitely moving in the right direction.
- Teachers have learned how to collaborate within their departments to improve test scores.
- The overall mind set is that we are expecting students to work hard and learn but then also be accountable if they do not pass or understand a concept.

Trustlands Video—

- The council watched one of the two Trustlands videos. We will watch the other one next month.

New Eagle Mountain Middle School—

- Scott Sumner, principal of the new Eagle Mountain Middle School was in attendance at this SCC meeting.
- The Boundary meetings start Monday, September 10th.
- By November 13th, ASD School Board will act on the Boundary and then the naming committee will form and get that ball rolling.
- If you are interested in being on the naming committee for the new Eagle Mountain Middle School, email Scott Sumner at ssumner@alpinedistrict.org or you can call Vista Heights Middle School to reach him.

Accreditation Presentation—

- Assistant Principal, Kristin Packer presented the Accreditation Booklet and explained the process to become an accredited high school.
- A new school is on probationary status the first three years of existence.
- We are now up for our credit review this year. It will be on October 24th and 25th.
- The accreditation manual must be given to the committee prior to them coming.
- The booklet will be online around the first part of October.

2012-2013 SCC Schedule—

- Meetings will continue through this year on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm.
- The April date that was set for April 4th is during Spring Break. Mr. Openshaw asked that the council come to the next meeting with dates that would work in April.

Eagle Valley Representative—

- The Eagle Valley Rep that was appointed at the end of last year, has another commitment which has come up on that same evening each month therefore, we are looking again for a rep from the Eagle Valley Elementary area.
- If you know anyone that is interested with serving on the council from this area, please contact Natalie Clark, at nclark@alpinedistrict.org or call Westlake High 801-610-8815.

Note: It was proposed that the council members continue to be represented from each feeder elementary area. This was motioned on and approved.

Items from Council Members—

- Is there student recognition happening? YES! There is a Student of The Week program where teachers are to nominate students for Student of The Week. The teacher writes a personalized letter to that student. Ms. Packer from the administration goes to that class, gives him/her a specially designed t-shirt, the personalized letter and candy and makes a big deal in that class for this award. There is also the Keys to Success program where teachers can give students cards for free items. These cards can be given for reasons that make them stand out or an accomplishment they have made.
- Class Changes went well this year, the smoothest yet. Students needs are granted but we are also are making students be accountable for the classes they signed up for last spring.
- The parking signs look great! This should help a lot.
- Lunchroom supervision—A concern for adult supervision in the lunchroom during lunch was brought up. Mr. Openshaw stated that there is adult supervision throughout lunchtime. There was also a concern that students are butting in line. Mr. Openshaw appreciated the concern and will continue to monitor and help out in this area. The first few days of the school year were slow on getting students through the lunch line but that has improved since then. Students have plenty of time to eat.
- Students lingering in the hallways have improved immensely this year. We are working hard to keep the halls cleared during lunch.
- The tutoring center which started last year now has a place to meet. Our Eastshore Center is looking for volunteers to help tutor students. If you are interested, please contact Natalie Clark at Westlake. ALL volunteers must be background checked. If you had a background check done last year, it will still be good this year. Westlake will pay for the background check. We are encouraging volunteers to help with this tutoring program. The Eastshore Center is open daily from 7:45am–4:00pm.

Follow-Up Items:

April SCC Date

NEXT MEETING:

**October 4, 2012
7:00pm
Westlake Lecture Hall**