

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2011 – 7pm

Westlake Lecture Hall

Attending: Todd Abney, Audrey Barton, Rita Bowers, Natalie Clark, Debbie Clegg, John Festin, Lisa Gibby, Scott Mansfield, Caleb Miller, Fred Openshaw, Kristin Turner, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace

Absent: Burgandy VanWagenen, Jen Finau, Tani Ireland, Franci Warner

Ryan Tyson welcomed the group to the January meeting. The minutes from the December meeting were read and approved.

Parking—

- Parking is being used for a positive reinforcement for students. By passing their classes each term, they are eligible for a parking pass.
- All students receive a parking pass for quarter 1.
- Quarter 2 – quarter 4 students must earn their parking pass.
- Thunder Blvd. (200 West) is currently open to public parking anytime.
- It is being proposed that the street have signage made to not allow students to park on the street during school hours.
- It has become a safety issue.
- The restricted parking would be on Thunder Blvd. (200 West) from 6am – 3pm.
- We are also looking to have the parking lot behind the football field to be a permit only lot.
- These changes would go into effect next fall (if voted on and passed.)
- Signs need to be made for visitor parking as well.
- SSPD would enforce the parking on the road once the signs are up.
- Saratoga Springs City is willing to support as long as the community is on board
- This will be an action item next month. Please come to the next meeting with feedback from your communities and be ready to report.
- If we are moving forward with the proposal, a letter will be here to sign.

Student Report (Burgandy)—

- Burgandy, our student rep has just had surgery and was excused from this meeting.

Syward Podcast—

- Will be on the website tomorrow.

Academic Booster Club Report—

- Next Tuesday, January 10th, student tutors are set and ready to start helping other students with homework, etc.
- Mr. Mansfield is meeting with the student tutors Monday to see what they are good at and how they could be used to be the most effective.
- A committee is in need to truly get this academic booster club up and running. There will be a meeting for those interested in helping establish the Booster Club's interim government on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6pm in the Lecture Hall.
- The true mission of what the Booster Club is about will be established.
- Kathy McGregor will send the volunteer info to Scott.
- This information will go out through email, text, website, etc.
- Scott will have the agenda for that meeting ready.
- The goal is by May, there will be a self-sustaining committee

Trustlands Budget Discussion—

- The Trustlands Budget is connected to the SIP which is increasing graduation rate.
- For the 2012-13 school year, our projected Trustlands budget is \$89,221.
- Options for next year's budget are:
 - Credit recovery program/tutorial center—\$20,000
 - Hire a teacher and an aide to run the center

- Rename the tutorial center—something other than Eastshore)???
- Would want to tie it into the Eastshore name and use packets if we can because Eastshore is NCAA cleared through the Clearinghouse.
- Nova Net— \$9,000
 - doesn't cost students and any credits earned will count as graduation credits
 - 10 licenses to have 10 students at a time logged in
 - Would use it in the tutoring center
 - Nova Net is good with the solid classes,(math, English science)
- Student Advocates—\$20,000
 - Set goals with students
 - Work with students having credit/attendance issues
 - Have a higher student/adult ratio
- Rosetta Stone—\$18,000
 - Used in Foreign Language department
 - This year we will have used 25,000 hours on this software
- Computer Lab--\$30,000
 - Replace one lab
- Professional Development Time--\$6,000 - \$8,000 (sub help)
 - CTL trainings with Department Chairs—need to cover the cost of the subs.
- Late Buses--\$6,000
 - 1 night/week
 - Tie it into the tutoring program
 - Students would need tickets to get on the bus so students don't just "hang out" and then want a ride home.
 - Combine with Vista Heights
 - Run 2 -3 buses?

This will be a discussion item at our next meeting. The council has been asked to come ready to narrow these items down and rank them according to what they feel would be best for the students to earn graduation credits. It needs to be finalized by March so we can sign the paperwork by the required deadline.

Items from the Council—

- The last Parent/Teacher Conference ran well and for the most part had positive feedback.
- The Skyward Podcast will be a very helpful tool for parents to access.
- Registration for next year will be starting on January 25th and go through approx. April. Next year's seniors will be first. Watch for the information to be posted on the web so students and parents will not miss the opportunity to register for next year's classes on time. Pod casts for registration will also be done and posted on the website.
- SEOP's will follow the registration window so the counselors can make sure the students schedule is complete and the classes chosen are appropriate for that student.
- Have the Podcasts running on the monitors in the commons area during the next parent/teacher conference.
- Allow parents to access a lab during parent/teacher conferences so they can have a hands on experience.

Public Input—

- Can parking passes go out with report cards?
- Is there an extra-curricular mission statement for Westlake? If not, can there be one separate from Lux et Virtus?
- Should coaches be held accountable for the language they use around their team/group? Yes. It is reviewed in coaches meeting every month.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Trustlands Discussion—Prioritize
 Parking Discussion—Action item
 Academic Booster Club
 Student Report (Burgandy)

NEXT MEETING:

February 2, 2011
 7:00pm
 Westlake Lecture Hall