

Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 25, 2011 – 8:00am
Front Conference Room

Attending: Todd Abney, Robin Allred, Natalie Clark, John Festin, Lisa Gibby, Tani Ireland, Caleb Miller, Fred Openshaw, Julie Wallace

Excused: Julie Barnum, Cameron Beecher, Debbie Clegg, Scott Mansfield, Ryan Tyson

John welcomed the group to the February meeting. The minutes were read and approved. Clarification on the date of the Collaborative Incentive Program was discussed. It was February 7th rather than March 7th. We appreciate the willingness of our council members to come to the collaborative day and are apologetic that the incorrect date was given at the last SCC meeting. There was also a clarification made on what the InterAgency Program is all about. It is about the schools, district, city officials, emergency officials, etc. to work together to prepare for issues that may arise.

Public Input—Parents voiced their concerns regarding student safety during extra-curricular activities. They would like to see a two (2) deep leadership while at practice or during bus rides, etc. As the season ends, there are exit interviews that will happen with the coaches/advisors. During this interview, coaches will be advised to:

1. Make sure players need to know what their role is
2. Give more direction to players
3. Realize that all players need more time to develop
4. Parents can talk to coaches with players present

Surveys from players and parents will also be a helpful tool for us to see and evaluate the performance of coaches.

Review of Activities—The extra-curricular activities throughout, are improving. This year, the drill team took region. They ended up somewhere in the middle at state. Drama is opening its spring show the end of March. Once the cast was chosen, Ms. Morrey met with the cast members and their parents to review guidelines and expectations. Choir is getting ready for tour. This program is growing and improving. The band and orchestra are growing and things seem to be going well. Cheer won the Las Vegas National Championships in their division. Wrestling had eight (8) qualify for sectionals and three (3) qualify for state. One finished 3rd at state. Girls basketball finished 3rd in region and did very well the first round of state. Boys basketball finished 6th in region. They play a “play-in” game tomorrow at Box Elder High School. If they win, they will go to state at Weber State next week. Boys/girls swimming is doing well. There was one that qualified for state. The teams need more pool time. Coach Huff is looking at options to make this happen. Nine (9) students competed for Sterling Scholars, two (2) were finalists in the areas of science and dance. There are so many good things that are happening at Westlake...we have just started!

Collaborative Incentive Program—There were four(4) parents that ended up sitting in on the Incentive Program. Each department was evaluated by a parent committee, the administration and themselves. Out of 300 points possible, the scores ranged from 234 to 271. The administration will meet with each department on their scores and discuss the areas where they can improve.

Trustlands/SIP—The School Improvement Plan (SIP) this year is to improve Westlake’s graduation rate by 3%. This is a goal that is reachable and will help all areas of student learning. This is also the goal we would like to carry through to next year. Trustland monies must tie directly into the SIP plan. It is proposed that the following be purchased with Trustlands:

1. One full size computer lab
2. One mini size computer lab
3. EastShore—Additional hours
4. Student Advocate Wages
5. Rosetta Stone

The dollar amounts associated with each of the proposed items will be sent to each of the council members prior to the next meeting. Our projected amount for next year is somewhere around \$70,000.

Missing Council Members @ Meetings—Todd Abney can have up to six (6) people on conference calls at the same time. John Festin has access to Skype a group of people. The council liked this idea and would like to implement it in meetings where council members cannot attend.

Items from Council Members—Skyward—was there problems with Skyward? Yes, Skyward was down for a day due to maintenance. In addition, the server that housed our website went down for about a week. Everything is up and running now. The parent portal of Skyward is open and we have been asked to pilot the email option of Skyward. This will hopefully be an effective tool for us to communicate to parents with. The counseling office is encouraging parents to take the Accreditation Survey. The links are posted on the front page of our website. There was both positive and negative feedback from parent/teacher conferences and the fact that it was held in teacher classrooms. The feedback was split about 50/50. Newsletters will be going out with report cards. Next year, we will send newsletters out monthly. Son of Thor—Guidelines need to be set on dress, etc. and that will be addressed for next year. March 1st is a big testing day at Westlake. 11th grade has the opportunity to take a FREE ACT test, 10th grade will take the PLAN test and the 9th grade will take the EXPLORER test. Seniors are encouraged to use this day for college visits. Parents will not be allowed to check their students out once the test start. Will there be other foreign languages offered next year? Vista Heights will be offering Chinese next year therefore; we will look at our schedule for the following year to offer it as well. We will not start with a beginning level. It will have to be a follow-up offering for what the middle school is doing.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Trustlands/SIP— Dollar Amounts sent to Council

NEXT MEETINGS:

March 25	8:00am	Finalize Trustlands
April 22	8:00am	Regular Meeting
April 28	10:00am	Combined SCC/PTSA (Bond)