

Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 7, 2009 – 12:00 Noon

Westlake Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Todd Abney, Julie Barnum, Natalie Clark, Stephanie Cottam, Cassie Gross, Laura Giles, Tani Ireland, Ashleigh O'Connor, Fred Openshaw, Brady Rowley, Steve Stewart, Julie Wallace

Special Guest: Sam Jarman, 10-12 Administrator

Visitors: Allison Randall, Jeff Randall

Excused: John Festin, Ryan Tyson

Stephanie Cottam welcomed the group. The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

Middle School Boundary Discussion—Sam Jarman, 10-12 Administrator from Alpine School District presented the middle school boundary information. The biggest discussion was the area of Harvest Hills and what middle school that would feed in to. One proposal is for the boundary to be set the same as the High School, which would make the numbers start out at over 1700 students for grades 7-9. One idea is to take Harvest Hills and have it feed into Willowcreek Middle School rather than the direct feeder, which is the new middle school. This would make a difference of about 300 students. Another idea is to keep Harvest Hills in the new middle school boundaries but continue to have 9th grade students attend Westlake High School. This would make the new middle school open with approximately 1200 students rather than 1700 students. As the district is looking at all the possibilities, they are trying to see what is best for students, not only short term but long term as well and keep true feeders from elementaries to middle schools, and into high schools. The need for a new middle school is evident in the Eagle Mountain area and the district is looking at the possibilities of a bond at the next election. By the 2012-13 school year, the new middle school would be approximately 1932 without Harvest Hills and 2282 with Harvest Hills. The 9th grade is doing good at Westlake this year but if they are going to stay at the high school, Mr. Openshaw would like structure a few things differently like lockers together and a single lunch for 9th grade only. The overwhelming thoughts from members are to keep 9th grade at Westlake so Harvest Hills can attend their true feeder and stay with the acquaintances they will acquire during the middle school years. For anyone who would like to send their desires on this subject, email Gary Seastrand at the district office
seasga@alpine.k12.ut.us

Saratoga Shores Area Appointment—There were two names that were brought to the council, one of which was voted on and approved. Mr. Openshaw will contact

Allison Randall to see if she would be interested in serving on the School/Community Council. It will be a one (1) year term.

Elections for 2010-11 school year—The council agreed to have Saratoga Shores, Harvest, Eagle Valley, and the new elementary in city center (Eagle Mountian), run elections for next year's School/Community Council during Parent/Teacher Conference, which is April 28, 2010.

Term 1 Report—Mr. Openshaw reported that there was a 91% pass rate at the end of first term. Currently, there are a higher percentage of students not passing. Teachers are learning and students are using remediation.

TMT's—Mr. Openshaw asked the council their input on how they feel TMT's are going. All council members had only good things to say.

Teacher Incentive Plan—Todd Abney said he can go to the Teacher Incentive Plan meeting. Any others need to let Mr. Openshaw know at the meeting in January.

Questions/Concerns—If Westlake has 9th grade students, could they decide to go to the high school or the new middle school? No. They would have to go where they have been assigned to go.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Teacher Incentive Plan—Can anyone else go?

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, January 28, 2010
12:00 Noon
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