

Westlake High School
School/Community Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 23, 2009 – 1:00pm
District Office Basement Conference Room

Attending: Todd Abney, Julile Barnum, Natalie Clark, Stephanie Cottam, John Festin, Tani Ireland, Fred Openshaw, Brady Rowley, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace

Visitor: Ruth Gowans

Absent: Laura Giles, Cassie Gross

The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

Extended Education—Ruth Gowans from UVU visited the meeting to inform the group of the possibilities of extended college education that UVU will offer at Westlake High School. There would be 5-6 classes in the evening, two days a week. These classes will be in addition to the classes that are offered at Lehi Jr. High. There is a survey that is on both Westlake's website and UVU's website. Saratoga Springs City has put it the survey on their website and a flyer will go in the city bill. Eagle Mountain City has been contacted, there have not been any commitments as of yet to help with publicity. They need to know if there is enough interest in offering this in the community. The courses offered will be general education courses. The cost is a one time fee of \$35 plus the course fee. The classes are offered to high school students as well as adults who want to complete college courses.

Registration Days—January 28th was our first turn in night at Willowcreek. We gathered about 200 registration sheets and had 6 counselors on hand to assist parents/students on proper class placement. On January 29th we collected about 250 registration sheets with 6 counselors helping. On February 3rd, we collected over 600 registration sheets with 12 counselors on hand. Currently, we have 1349 students showing they are coming to Westlake however; we only have 1193 schedules in hand. There are 183 seniors, 323 juniors with 101 we are still working on, 396 sophomores with 28 still working on, and 447 freshmen with 48 still working on. Lehi High has just begun their registration. This may cause a little fluctuation in numbers.

Hiring—There have been a few minor changes in the staff that has been hired thus far. Jessica Fowler and Stacy Sarafine will not be coming to Westlake. They both are moving out of state. Deborah Parrish will be getting married and moving to Boise instead of Saratoga Springs. Kimberly Moore has been hired to be the Volleyball coach and also teach girls PE/Health. The ASL class that Deborah was going to teach will now be done through EdNet. Kim Moore has already taken hold of the assignment and met with parents and students who are interested in playing volleyball at Westlake. We are excited to have her as part of our staff. Emily Esplin will come to us from Willowcreek. She will teach English. Troy Jones also is coming from Willowcreek. He teaches math. He has recently been accepted to teach Concurrent Enrollment for the college prep math class. Christian Bastian will be the ballroom teacher as well as teach

visual arts. Hillary Bastian will be our Special Ed Department Chair. She has a solid background in co-teaching, which is something Mr. Openshaw feels is one of the most important components in the special education. The TV/Video Production position is in the beginning stages of approval to post the job. Mr. Openshaw explained that there is a soft hiring freeze throughout Alpine School District. This means that he has to get clearance from his direct supervisor before posting jobs. There are some schools who are growing and some that are decreasing for next year. The current teachers in the district must be looked at first before postings can be done outside the district.

Announcements—Mr. Openshaw would like to see announcements given on 5-6 plasma monitors that would be placed throughout the building and would run through the day. We would also like to send a text to students of all the announcements that are going on. Live streaming on the internet is also something he is hopeful we can implement at Westlake.

Driver's Ed—Mr. Openshaw asked the council if they had heard any feedback, good or bad, about the driver's ed program. A couple of members said the most negative point is that the parents will have to provide the extra transportation to and/or from the school. Everyone else had said they mostly hear good things and are excited for the extra options in their student's schedule.

Charter Schools—Mr. Openshaw and Mr. Beck, director of Rockwell Charter are meeting once a quarter to keep the communication line open. Both Principals are dedicated in keeping a good relationship between the schools. Students who attend Rockwell will be able to take Driver's Ed through Westlake. The cost will be slightly higher than the students at Westlake. Also, students attending Rockwell will be able to participate in sports/activities at Westlake if Rockwell does not offer that particular sport. Rockwell would have to pay a fee per student as well as the student would pay the fees like all the other students. The fees would be \$200 for football, \$100 for baseball, softball, basketball, swimming, wrestling, soccer, volleyball, and drill team, and \$75 for golf, tennis, cross-country, and track. Sharing programs and helping each other out will benefit not only the students but also the community. Chinese and Japanese are offered at Rockwell that we will not offer yet. This is something that if our students would like to take, they could do that at Rockwell. Lakeview Academy was gracious in allowing us to give the registration assembly to their current 9th grade class. The working relationship between the charter schools of our area and Westlake will only benefit the students even more.

Trustlands—Mr. Openshaw feels like the projected amount of Trustland monies will be in the ballpark of \$40,000 for next year. It is up to the council to decide how to spend the money. The way the money is spent must be a direct correlation to the School Improvement Plan. The four ideas to spend Trustland monies are:

1. Help fund a teacher for the daily algebra class. Math is the lowest sub group for students in our community. This would give students extra help in Algebra 1, which is the foundation to successfully accomplish the math requirements. Daily Algebra will now give students 1 year math credit and 1 year of applied math credits. The cost to fund this would be more than what is in the Trustlands budget. You, as a council could state the dollar amount you would like to see towards it.

2. Funding for Remediation Late Busses. Mr. Openshaw would not like to have Channel One time at Westlake. This would give 12 minutes back to instruction time each day, approximately 1 hour each week. He would like to see this hour be used as remediation time on Tuesday afternoon. Students who are current can go home early. Students who need help would be able to see the teacher(s) they need during that hour. In addition, teachers would sign up for 4 weeks throughout the year to stay after school on a Tuesday. Allowing students to stay after school and get the help they need and then have the transportation to get home is a huge help, especially in the area where we are. We would look at 2 buses to run each Tuesday of the year. The approximate cost would be \$14,000.

3. Trackers. This amount would also be flexible. The approximate amount is \$8,000, based on past experience. Again, this helps students who are behind or need a little extra help.

4. Mobile Computer Lab. A mobile computer lab would also be a great asset to Westlake. This is a tool that can be helpful in many areas. We live in a time where there can never be enough technology available to students. The approximate cost is \$30,000.

Mr. Openshaw's priority list is first, late buses funded, second, mobile lab, third, daily algebra, and fourth, trackers. Again, this is up to the council to decide where they feel the greatest need is and where it will benefit the most students. He would like to see it narrowed down to 2 of the 4 options. If there are other things that the council would like to bring up, please feel free to do so. Come in March with the ideas that you have. You can go to schoollandtrust.org to see how other schools are utilizing the Trustland monies at their school.

Questions/Concerns—The council was curious on how the football fundraiser went. We have not seen the end result yet. There was a tremendous amount of support from the community. The football coach is working hard to get the program functioning at its highest level. Posters and signs should be hung in the schools to inform students of tryouts, clinics, etc. They also need to watch the website. Students cannot attend an A day at one school and B day at another school. We will be moving into Westlake sometime in June. We should have ownership in July. Mr. Openshaw and Natalie are moving in April. The scoreboards are basic—at least to start off with. Upgrades will be looked at in 2-3 years. Stephanie wanted the council to spread the word about the Westlake Counseling Survey. It is on our website. There is a parent and student survey. Please encourage all to take it.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: Trustlands—come with top two ideas
Hiring

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 16, 2009
1:00pm
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