

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 28, 2009 – 12:00 Noon
Westlake Front Office Conference Room

Note: This meeting was a combined SCC/PTSA meeting due to a district presentation. Members listed as “attending” are both SCC and PTSA members.

Attending: Julie Barnum, Natalie Clark, Debbie Clegg, Stephanie Cottam, John Festin, Laura Giles, Tani Ireland, Timera Lindsey, Peggy McEwan, Ashleigh O’Connor, Fred Openshaw, Allison Randall, Steve Stewart, Ryan Tyson, Julie Wallace

Excused: Todd Abney

Special Guest: Kathy Janzen, K-6 Administrator

John Festin welcomed the group to the meeting. The time was turned over to Ms. Kathy Janzen from the district office, who reviewed and discussed the Alpine School District Mission Statement. She provided everyone a printout of the mission/vision statement, the founding principals, and the areas of focus. Through the discussion, we broke out into sub group to discuss some of the questions to deepen our understanding of the areas of focus. The time was then given to members for a question and answer period. This portion of the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes from the August meeting were read. A couple minor corrections were made.

1. Students will not be texted the announcements. Announcements will come through Twitter.
2. The student computer lab is open from 7:00am – 5:00pm (rather than 6:00pm)

The minutes were approved upon the corrections of the minutes.

District School/Community Council Training—Tani Ireland was our representative that attended the district training. She was asked to report on it. The handout that was given at the training was copied and given to all members. In the training, it was explained on why a council exists and the role is of each member. A School/Community Council is the eyes and ears of the community. Each member is the voice of the area they represent. Mr. Openshaw views this SCC Board as his “School Board”. In this group we can discuss the needs of the communities truthfully. This meeting is an open, honest setting where the needs of students will be discussed.

Elections—With the completion and opening of Sage Hills Elementary, there is a need to add one more SCC member. This will give each one of our feeder elementaries a representative from that area. John Festin is the member who is serving the Saratoga Shores area. Saratoga Shores split to make Sage Hills and John now lives in the Sage Hills area. Therefore, we need to have an election for the Saratoga Shores area. There was an idea to have it go to elections first, then if there isn’t enough interest to hold an election, someone will be appointed to finish out the term. Or the other idea was to have someone appointed and not hold elections until the spring. There will be a proposal of how the council would like to see this ran at our next meeting. The renewal of terms for current council members was also discussed. Possibly to have elections for those current members who may only want a one year term could be up for elections in the spring as well—if the council chooses to. This would help with the whole council being up for reelection at the end of the two year term. The council will make a proposal on this at the next meeting.

Trustlands Discussion—The Trustlands amount came in at \$38,746. This is more than was originally thought. Mr. Openshaw proposed to move some of the money around. Currently, we have \$8,972 set for late buses. Mr. Openshaw would like to move \$4,986 for another set of graphing calculators because now we have another math teacher. The remaining \$11,590 he would like to use for tracker salaries. The trackers are very busy in running the daily advisory slips and trying to remediate with those students who need that extra help. Right now, this is fulfilling the remediation time adequately. As of today, there is an 84% pass rate. There really isn't a need for late buses. John presented the proposal to the council for this moving of the Trustland funds. It was voted on and approved.

TMT Discussion—There was a first draft of the explanation of TMT's handed out. Mr. Openshaw feels the staff is evolving well. We don't want the study component to get lost. This is a work in progress. We are holding firm on mastery being 80%. Holding a TMT grade to 50% is not concrete. Some classes and teachers are adjusting to fit their needs. At the end of term 1 if all TMT's are passed for the term, the student is guaranteed a C-. At the end of the year, departments will review what worked and what did not.

H1N1 Information—The districts stand on H1N1 was passed out to the council to review. Mr. Openshaw reported that the news has stated that districts are giving free swine flu vaccinations. Alpine School District will not be offering this option.

Mr. Stewart gave the update on the New Middle School. The boundary committee will begin to meet next week. The actual construction of the meeting is coming along very well. They are trying to seal up the building before the bad weather sets in. Windows and doors are going in. Mr. Stewart is happy with the progress.

Concerns/Questions—ID Badges are going to start to be required. They have not been required thus far because it has been difficult to make sure everyone's picture has been taken. This rule will start to be enforced. SCC members contact information was requested to be on the website. It was agreed to put their name, area they are representing and their e-mail address. We have addressed the dress code. Anytime the administration sees someone who needs to be addressed, they do. Teachers are asked to keep their eyes out too and refer them to the office. Lunchtime—is it going better? Yes. We will continue to learn but it is going much better now that we have adjusted to a small lunchroom. Student Parking Passes—No I's, no U's will keep a student updated with a parking pass. If a student does not get next term's sticker because he/she is ineligible, they just have to make up the grade that is causing them to be ineligible. Twitter announcements will begin around the first of October. Parents are encouraged to get a Twitter account too. Will there be a traffic light on Redwood Road? Parents, SCC and PTSA members are encouraged to contact UDOT. On October 12th, there will be a completion of the construction and opening of Redwood Road at Camp Williams on October 12th at _____. We will have the contact information at our next meeting.

FOLLOW-UP: Contact information for UDOT
Mission Statement Handout
Proposal of SCC Elections (Saratoga Shores & One Year Terms)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 26, 2009
12:00 Noon
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