



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 10, 2020 – 5pm

WHS Media Center

Attending: Collette Baugh, Lynne Benham, Lori Blakesley, Karin Brown, Natalie Clark, Nicolette Fike, Kelcy Furey, Brandon Jackson, Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Kerrienne Sabey, Gary Twitchell

Lynne Benham welcomed the group to the September meeting. A motion was made for the approval of the March 2020 minutes. It was seconded and approved.

Region IV Comparisons

- Region IV, our region, took 81% of the state titles during the 2019-20 school year. It is a very tough region, however, we are more competitive than one might think.
- Westlake earned two state titles in 2019-20—one in boy's soccer and one in girl's wrestling. We also were the runner up in swim.
- Westlake is continually looking for ways to improve and feel confident in the coaches we have.

U.S. News & World Report Rankings

- The U.S. News & World Report ranks high schools by:
 - College Readiness
 - Math & Reading Proficiency
 - Math & Reading Performance
 - Underserved Student Performance
 - College Curriculum Breadth
 - Graduation Rate
- Westlake is ranked 14th (out of approximately 300) in all traditional public high schools in Utah, 3rd in Utah County, and 2nd in Alpine School District!!! Go Thunder! 😊
- Mr. Twitchell expressed gratitude to the faculty and staff for their willingness to see ways to improve and make Westlake better. It is a consolidated effort on everyone's part to make these types of improvements.

Trustlands Budget Update

- The budget for the 2020-21 school year has not been loaded yet.
- \$17,000 was rolled from the 2019-20 school year. This will be used to purchase 1/7th's, which will reduce class sizes.
- We are expecting approximately \$225,000 that will be used for the following:
 - Student Advocates—focus on low end students who struggle in school
 - East Shore Center facilitators—Credit recovery
 - Purchase teacher prep periods (1/7th's)—reduce class sizes
 - There are 64 1/7th's that have been bought this year.

Financial Report

- Fund 21
 - General Admin account currently has \$110,000. This is the account where the money from activity gates are collected. This year we will not be able to collect like we have in year's past due to the COVID-19 regulations.

Therefore, this account is going to dwindle over the next couple of years. There is a good chance that money is going to get tight, and we will have to use FTE savings in other areas.

COVID-19 Update

- Other schools have started to see a flux in students, particularly athletes, not coming to school. They don't want to risk being out on quarantine and missing games, or even the season. Westlake has not seen a huge number but, it is something that we need to be aware that is happening.

In the case where this is happening, students will;

- Stay current on all assignments. If students miss a day, then teachers can have students do the work their teacher assigned on-line for that day or the teacher can have students do the work from their face-to face classes. In most cases this should be very similar. Due dates for assignments will remain the same as if the student was in class and testing due dates will likewise remain the same.
- Communicate to teachers before, and not after. Being proactive—not reactive.
- Take advantage of the hour-long consultation time.

Teachers will;

- Upload assignments the same day it is given—don't wait until Friday, or after the assignment due date.
- Keep your on-line curriculum updated and use this for the students who miss your class.
- If teachers are not offering an on-line version for a particular class, then they will supply the work that was missed due to the absences.
- Give online students a window of time to test—we do have a testing center!

Mr. Twitchell is extremely pleased with the faculty and staff for doing all they can to help our students stay safe and stay in school. He is also thrilled how well students are doing with wearing their masks. For the most part, everyone seems to be following the guidelines that have been set. Kudos to the parents for helping their students respect themselves and others around them.

SCC Elections

- The areas up for election this year are:
 - Harvest Elementary Area
 - Sage Hills Elementary Area
 - Silver Lake Elementary Area
 - Thunder Ridge Elementary Area
 - Brookhaven Elementary Area
- Applications are due to Natalie Clark by 3pm on 9/18/20. If there are multiple candidates from the same area, an election will be held from October 5 – October 9, 2020.

Items from Council Members

- The council expressed overwhelming gratitude with the homecoming activities that were held—there was nothing but positive feedback.
- ASD School Board has decided not to hold a bond this year. There will be a survey coming that will ask patrons and employees to give feedback on the best option they feel if/when schools get too crowded. It will also ask for the least favored option. Please watch for that and take the time to fill it out.
- Facebook has a grant (\$200,000) that schools throughout the district can apply for a portion of.
- Is the Wellness Center being utilized? Yes! Every day. It is serving a good purpose. Students are mainly seen for general anxiety issues.
- Kudos to graduation last spring! Parents and most students really appreciated and loved what was done!
- The overall feeling is extremely positive with the start of school!

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2020 @ 5pm