



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2020 – 5pm

WHS Media Center

Attending: DeAnn Anderton, Collette Baugh, Lynne Benham, Lori Blakesley, Karin Brown, Whitney Child, Natalie Clark, Nicolette Fike, Kelcy Furey, Brnadon Jackson, Joylin Lincoln, Gary Twitchell

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

Congratulations Westlake!

- Our 2020 graduation rate came in at 96%, which is 2nd highest in the district! Mr. Twitchell thanked the council for such a good use of Trustland funds in helping achieve such an admirable goal.

Parent/Teacher Conference Discussion

- We are trying to get a feel for what parents and teachers would be the most productive and beneficial for the November Parent/Teacher Conference.
- The teachers were surveyed four different options:
 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference (Parents sign-up for a time)
 - Virtual meetings or phone calls with parents of students who are “at risk” and/or at risk of failing
 - Face-to Face in the commons (5 hours PTC, normal)
 - Face-to Face by appointment in your rooms (2 hours making appointments + 3 hours meeting face to face)
 - The survey ended in a 4-way tie...
- The council feels there would be pros and cons to all options, such as:
 - A parent could wait for a long period of time if a teacher is running behind on virtual appointments
 - Connectivity issues, both from the parent and teacher
- Overall, the council felt the phone calls would be the best option
- The administration will be sending out another survey to the teachers to narrow it down

Election Update

- The following individuals are parent members on our council for the next two (2) years:
 - Nicolette Fike
 - Harmony Seiter
 - Matthew Everett
- Ballot Candidates:
 - Karin Brown
 - Halley Nelson
 - Lynne Benham

COVID-19 Update

- Students will be allowed to make changes at the end of the Term 1 and within the first 2 weeks of Term 2. **All changes must be made through a counselor.**
 - Students will be allowed to transfer to Westlake on-line.
 - Students will be allowed to transfer to face-to-face.
 - Students who have declared face-to-face, but are choosing to stay home will meet with a counselor to determine the reasons for doing so. If it is going to be for an extended period of time in a class that is **not** offering on-line instruction, then the student will be encouraged to transfer to a different class.
 - Students who have declared face-to-face, but are choosing to stay home in a class that **is** being offered on-line will be encouraged to transfer to on-line, if it appears that they are going to stay home for all of 2nd term.
 - Students who have declared face-to-face, but are choosing to stay home in a class that **is** being offered on-line **and** they are contemplating staying home for a period of time **less than** the entire term will be placed on a contract. The contract will require those students to meet with their teachers. This should increase communication between students and teachers. A copy of the contract is attached.
- Things that the UCHD is looking at when evaluating schools are:
 - Percentages of positive cases
 - Are we trending up?
 - Are we trending down?
 - Where is it happening?
 - The majority of exposed cases are contracted by family members/family parties
 - We would like to try and get more activities here at Westlake, where we can control and stay within the guidelines set (25% capacity, CBC guidelines, etc.)

Items from Council Members

- Council members need to contact our Board Member, Julie King to have their voices heard regarding the second term outcome of a hybrid model, a 4-day school week, go completely online, or stay where we are at.
- Parents and students just want to say “thank you” for how pleased they are and feel this year is going remarkable!

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2020 @ 5pm