



Westlake High School
**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 3, 2022 – 5pm
Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Amara Bray, Natalie Clark, Christie Espersen, Matthew Everett, Nicolette Fike, Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Kerriane Sabey, Harmony Seiter, Christian Smith, Christie Walsh, Collin Walsh

Kerriane Sabey welcomed the group to the February meeting. The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was stated. They were seconded and approved.

Trip Approvals

- None

2020-2021 Stakeholder Report

- A copy of the Stakeholder Report was given to each council member
- Our Trustlands budget supported many areas of academics, and tied directly back to our School Improvement Plan. 92% of funds were used to hire advocates, credit recovery aides, and buy teacher prep periods.
- Over 395 credits were made up through our Credit Recovery Center
- 49 students scored 30+ on the ACT
- AP and Concurrent Enrollment both saw increases and improvements
- Westlake was ranked 3rd in Utah County and 2nd in Alpine School District for college readiness
- Our graduation rate was 97.2% in 2021—the highest in ASD

TSSA Funds & Trustlands Update

- Westlake has approximately \$300,000 in FTE Savings that we need to spend, which there are several things that are needed to be purchased or upgraded.
- There are also savings in both Concurrent Enrollment and AP budgets however, these funds have to be used to directly tie to CE and AP needs/salaries.
- There is \$69,000 in the TSSA budget, and about \$330,000 in the Trustlands budget.
- Dr. Smith will be asking the council to allow us to “swap” expenditures—Salaries that are currently being taken out of Trustlands, move them to FTE

Savings, then use Trustlands to help buy needed improvements, understanding it will need to tie directly back to the SIP.

- This will be important because ASD is changing the way they fund schools next year. The plan seems like it will be an easier method. This also will align middle schools with high schools as far as productivity is concerned. The goal is to make it easier for principals to manage and keep class sizes lower.
- Dr. Smith will bring actuals at the next meeting to review and vote on.

Items from Council Members

- Kudos to Heather Austin and the counseling team!
- Collin Walsh attended the meeting to advocate for having a valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation.
 - Why can't there be competition? On a basketball team there are five starting players—why can't there be one or two people who are the best academically?
 - Could there be a top 10%, top 5% and a valedictorian/salutatorian?
 - Can this discussion go to the Student Senate? Can there be a vote from the student body? From the teachers?
 - School Board Member, Julie King discussed with the group the importance of having a bond on the November ballot, and how important it is for the west side of ASD to register to vote. We need to raise public awareness!

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 5pm in the front office conference room.