



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 3, 2023 – 5pm
WHS Front Conference Room

Attending: DeAnn Anderton, Janet Cherrington, Natalie Clark, Christie Espersen, Matthew Everett, Ben Everitt, Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Julie Peterson, Christian Smith

Janet Cherrington welcomed the group the August meeting. The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was stated. They were seconded and approved.

SCC Elections

- There are 7 spots up for election this year.
- The council decided that five spots will be a 2-year term, and 2 spots will be a 1-year term, since we cannot have more than half of the members new at one time.
- The application will be available starting Monday, August 7, 2023 and run through 3pm Friday, August 18, 2023.
- Dr. Smith will email out the application on Monday, August 7th. It will also be available on the website, in the front office, and at Back to School Night.
- If there are more applicants than the 7 spots, an election will need to be held. Notifications will be sent if there is a need.
- The new council will be selected and done by our next meeting in September.

Trustlands/TSSA Expenditure Document

- Dr. Smith shared a LIVE doc that shows all expenditures of both the Trustlands account as well as the TSSA account. He wanted to make the council aware so they can keep up with what is being spent throughout the year.
- The council thanked him for this and thought it was a great idea! 😊

Items from Council Members

- Why aren't there premium parking passes this year? It is a first come, first serve basis. We definitely are encouraging students to get here on time. But, it is also a safety issue. Students who have early morning practices and park in the range, then have to walk in the dark, in the snow, is dangerous.
- How many students are we expecting this year? Right around 2900 students. We have several floating teachers and are maxed on space. Hopefully we will be on the schedule for another satellite next year.
- Are we any closer to another high school in Saratoga Springs? Negotiations are happening right now—we are at least five years out on thinking of another high school. It takes \$150 million to build a high school right now.
- There is talk about Alpine School District splitting. Watch for more communication to come regarding a split.

- Can social media be curbed while students are at school? How can we help in keeping students more focused? This is an issue that needs to be pushed through the community...it is bigger than a Westlake issue. We all need to come together to help this happen.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 5pm in the front office conference room.