

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 5, 2017 – 5:00pm

WHS Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Lynne Benham, Lori Blakesley, Mickelle Bos, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, Erin Davis, Angela Duke, Nicolette Fike, Ruth Gowans, Kerrienne Sabey, Aprill Triggs, Gary Twitchell, Christi Walsh, Anglea Webb, Kelly Woodrum

Angela Webb welcomed the group to the January meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

Westlake Growth

- Next Monday, Mr. Twitchell will be meeting with the district to discuss options to help our growth concerns for the 2018-19 school year. As soon as there is something solidified, he will report to the SCC. This will be our biggest year, which is the year before we split from the new high schools.
- We have received our FTE for the 2017-18 school year. We are short three FTE. Therefore, we are looking 5 interns in the following areas:
 - English, Math, Art, Counselor, Bio-Ag, Chemistry/Earth Science, Physics w/Tech/Earth Science, Financial Literacy, Spanish and ASL.
 - We need to hire interns first.

Changes/Information

- There is a new math requirement that has come from the legislature.
 - If a student is college bound, he/she MUST have a 4th year is math unless:
 - The student has passed an AP test in Math
 - The students' ACT math score is 26 or higher
 - The student has a C grade in college math (1040 or 1050)
 - Counselors will be meeting with this year's juniors at CCR's soon. This is when the student declares if he/she is college bound.
 - As of right now, this is not going to punish students. Counselors will recommend a 4th year in math not threaten.
- The Social Studies department is requesting there be a change in the alignment of classes. As an administration, we will make this change for next year.
 - 9th Grade will take Geography for Life
 - 10th Grade will take World Civilization
 - 11th Grade will take US History
 - 12th Grade will take AP US History
 - The current 10th Grade, who have already taken US History, will take Modern/Ancient History. They could also take AP World History if they are on a faster track.
- We have had a high number of drug violations thus far.
 - We are now asking teachers that every time a student leaves the classroom, they fill out a log. We are asking that teacher's step-up their game to help us watch and enforce.
 - Westlake administration is doing everything possible to find the offenders and get this out of our school.

Concerns/Questions

- Can we align the Spanish classes for students coming out of the Spanish Emersion program? Yes, Mr. Twitchell, Mr. Sumner and Mr. Dawson are looking at aligning curriculum across the board.
- Parking is still an issue. Visitor spots are filling up quick so there still are not places for visitors to park. Mr. Twitchell explained that we have hired someone to come in and help us with parking. Hopefully it will improve.
- Kudos to the Christmas Jars school-wide effort. What an accomplishment!

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 2, 2017 @ 5pm