

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2016 – 5:00pm
WHS Front Conference Room

Attending: Lynne Benham, Mickelle Bos, Janet Cherrington, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, Nicolette Fike, Wendy Ford, Ruth Gowans, Jared Huff, Caleb Miller, Kerriane Sabey, Aprill Triggs, Gary Twitchell, Angela Webb

Absent: Audrey Barton, Angela Duke, Trevor Schramm

Lynne welcomed the group to the January meeting. The minutes from the December meeting were read and approved.

Civics Test Update

- Approximately 50% of the senior class has taken the civics test and passed. That means about 360/670 students have completed it.
- A caller/email will be going home to the remaining seniors who still need to pass the test. They can take it anywhere there is internet access. The link is <http://www.alpine-civics.org/> Students can take it as many times as they need.
- By the end of January, another report will be ran. At that point, the counseling office secretaries will start calling the students who have not passed the test to come to the counseling office to take the test. The goal is to have all seniors complete by the end of February.

New Football Coach

- Westlake is excited to welcome Louis Wong! He will be coaching football beginning the fall of 2016. He comes with a solid background of winning, including 7 state titles from Timview High School. He is in the process of getting his staff put together. He is very positive with students and players.
- There is a meet and greet the coaching staff on January 19, 2016 at 7pm in the auditorium.

High Lunch Numbers/Fire Marshall Discussion

- Westlake received a visit from both the State Fire Marshall and the Fire Chief, which stated our lunches were too crowded and mandated us to come up with a plan to alleviate the fire hazard it is causing.
- A faculty vote was put out for either a flex time hooked on with an hour lunch or move to 3 lunches. The faculty voted 87% to have 3 lunches over the flex time option.
- Mr. Twitchell is meeting with the fire marshall this coming Monday again to present the ideas of how we are going to fix the problem.
- Parents and students will be notified when this change will go into effect.
- Mr. John Spencer and Mr. Jess Christen in the district office administration is making a presentation to the board regarding the addition to our satellite to help with the numbers we are going to be seeing.

Trustlands

- The Trustlands amount Westlake received this year was \$148,000—we know the amount next year will not decrease. Therefore, if we start at \$148,000 as our base for next year, we will be safe with how to allocate the Trustland monies.
- Some propped ideas in how to spend the Trustland monies are:
 - Preps being bought, which decreases the class sizes
 - Student Advocates/Trackers/Eastshore Center

- Subs
- Technology Needs (Prioritize Needs)
- The School Improvement Plan is to maintain our graduation rate at a 90% or higher. Mr. Twitchell would also like to see our SAGE scores improve as well as our AP and ACT scores.
- All members are to come to the next meeting with how they would like to see the Trustlands money spent.
- Mr. Twitchell would like to write it up in February.

Items/Concerns from Council Members

- 2016-17 Master Schedule is done.
- We will be starting registration for next year—February 3rd for current juniors, March 2nd for current sophomores, and March 22nd for current freshmen.
- Class changes are extremely limited at the semester break! Parents must be part of a class change decision.
- The pathway in math has been requested to be looked at for next year in regards to the Regents Scholarship. Caleb/Administration will do so.
- A complaint from a council member against Jostens and the misleading way they advertise for their caps and gowns is very confusing. They need to be forthcoming. Mr. Twitchell reassured the council that Jostens would be addressed on this situation.
- The 10 school day attendance policy will be adjusted going forward. This was an oversight on the administration's part. Anyone who is calling in and excusing the Thursday and/or Friday prior to Christmas break this week is being able to do so.
- Could there be a sidewalk added from the parking lot to the auditorium? Mr. Twitchell will look into the cost.
- There is a UVU math tutor every Tuesday night from 5-8pm in room B108. It is open to anyone. Jared will have the math teachers post this information in their classrooms.
- What is the overall feeling of how the senior students are dressed for their yearbook pictures? The girls feel uncomfortable changing to put the top on—that is the biggest problem. Mr. Wilson will ask student government if they like the seniors to be in the more professional attire for the yearbook.
- There is a School/Community Council training at Lehi High School that starts at 3:45pm and goes until 8pm. Dinner is included.
- There are ACT prep classes being offered at Westlake. They start on February 1st and go through March 1st. The cost is \$35, payable to the finance office.
- There is also an ACT seminar held here at Westlake on January 30, 2016. It is an all-day event. The cost is \$75. There are flyers posted. It is also on our school's website.
- A reminder to all coaches that we need to share our athletes between coaches/sports needs to be addressed. Some are starting to give players/participants guilt if they want to play another sport. Mr. Twitchell will have Mr. O'Connor address this issue.

Meeting adjourned until next meeting, Thursday, February 4, 2016 @ 5:00pm in the WHS Front Conference Room.