



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 7, 2019 – 5:00pm

Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Gary Twitchell, Julie King, Lynne Benham, Lori Blakesley, Kenyon Christen, Kelly Woodrum, Nicolette Fike, Shawna Backus, Karen Brown, Natalie Clark

Approval of February minutes motioned, seconded and approved.

Stakeholder Report

- The Stakeholder Report for the reporting period of 2017-18 is complete. Each council member received a hard copy.
- There are hard copies available in the front office for those interested.

SAGE/ASPIRE Test

- SAGE is gone! The new end of year test is ASPIRE, which is made from ACT. The hope is for students to be better prepared when taking the real ACT.
- Sophomores are the only students who take the ASPIRE test.
- This is a timed test—just like ACT.
- The areas that ASPIRE covers is English, math, and science. The science portion will be given the week of April 15th—we will remain on a regular schedule. The English and math portions will be given the week of April 22nd. Notifications will go out regarding the modified bell schedule.
- How soon will students get their scores back? Kenyon will try to find this out, then report back to the council with this information.

Trustlands

- Mr. Twitchell has proposed that all monies available be used on goal #1, which is: Westlake High School will achieve a graduation rate of 92% or higher at the end of the 2019-20 school year and prepare students for post high school opportunities.
- Mr. Twitchell asked the council to consider rolling \$100,000 from the 2018-19 school year to the 2019-20 school year. That would mean that we would have next year's budget as well as \$100,000 to help with the following:
 - Preparatory periods to reduce class sizes.
 - Hire two student aides who would work directly with at-risk students and help them be successful in their current classes.
 - Hire two para-professionals to work directly with students in tutoring, credit recovery, and college preparation.
 - Teachers will be provided compensation for collaboration, seminars, conferences, etc. that focus on student learning.
- Currently, we show our entity count for 2019-20 at approximately 2300 students.

- ASD numbers are 2088 students, which accounts for full schedule students. Release periods, MTech and other avenues are not considered when figuring FTE. Therefore, our class sizes, especially core classes, will be bigger than we want. We do not like to see core classes exceed 28 students per class.

The Trustland budget proposal of rolling and using the money (as stated above) was motioned, seconded and approved. Mr. Twitchell thanked the council for their understanding. A proposal to the school board will now be drafted to carry such a large amount of money to next year.

Back to School Night/Parent Teacher Conferences 2019-20

- We will be holding our Back to School night on Thursday, August 15th from 3-8pm. This will be in lieu of the Parent/Teacher Conference in September.
- Parent/Teacher Conference dates are:
 - Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 3-8pm in the commons area
 - Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 3-7pm in the commons area
- All council members were in favor of these dates and times

Items from the Council

- Kudos to Cedar Valley High for the breakout night! It was a great event and the community seemed to appreciate it.
- Board member, Julie King invited each council member to fill out the Stakeholder survey. The school board would like the feedback on how to they can serve the patrons better.
- Westlake is participating in the Sharp survey. Permission slips will be coming—this includes sophomores and seniors. If parents would like to see the survey questions prior to their student participating, they may do so by seeing Mr. Ward in the front office.
- SCC Elections for both Cedar Valley High and Westlake High will be happening soon. Watch for notifications.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2019 @ 5pm