

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

January 3, 2013 – 7:00pm  
WHS Lecture Hall

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Attending: Todd Abney, Audrey Barton, Rita Bowers, Natalie Clark, John Festin, Nicolette Fike, Tani Ireland, Leslie Jones, Scott Mansfield, Caleb Miller, Kim Moir, Fred Openshaw, Kristen Turner, Ryan Tyson

Absent: Franci Warner

Ryan Tyson welcomed the group to the January School/Community Council meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

***Trustlands Discussion:***

- Mr. Openshaw proposed to keep the School Improvement Plan (SIP) the same which is to increase our graduation rate
- Our projected ballpark Trustlands budget for the 2013-14 school year is \$70,000. This is based on the projected number of students we will have.
- Ideas for spending the 2013-14 Trustlands budget are:
  1. Continue the Eastshore Center
  2. Student Advocate Wages
  3. Rotate one of the computer labs
  4. A Math tracker to help students struggling in math only.
  5. Promote ACT (testing) Awareness—Counseling office needs to work harder on getting the PLAN and Explore test information out to parents and students.

Council members were asked to start this dialogue in their communities and come to the next meeting with what they feel the need is, remembering to keep the SIP as our focus.

***Parent/Teacher Conference:***

Changes for Parent/Teacher Conferences through the remainder of this year:

1. During the walk-in time, all teachers will be at parent/teacher conferences
2. Parents will line up in the classrooms rather than the hall. This will help teachers gauge their discussions.

Ideas/thoughts of how we want Parent/Teacher Conferences to look for the 2013-14 school year?

- Mixed review on gyms vs. classrooms
- Allow a bigger window for walk-in times
- Skyward must be current and kept up-to-date—Current work should be kept up-to-date however, late work is entered when the teacher gets to it. We need to make sure the late work is sick vs. unexcused.
- Help parents understand that the communication can happen anytime—not just at parent/teacher conference time
- Allow teachers to have 1-2 hours for virtual parent/teacher conference communication. This would help the parents of those students who are doing well as to whether or not they need an appointment for their “at-risk” student.
- Should Back to School night be kept?

- Should there be 2 or 3 conference through the year?
- What should the times be?
- Come to the next meeting with proposals on how we want Parent/Teacher Conferences to look

**Senior T-Shirt Discussion**

- This is the first full 4-year graduating class
- The shirt represents that they are “proud to be the Thunder”.
- The t-shirt design explanation and how it came to be will be on the website

**Coaching Changes**

- We are moving to 5a next year. We will be in Region IV with Lehi, Riverton, Herriman, Lone Peak, American Fork and Pleasant Grove.
- We have a new football coach. His name is Steve Clements. We are excited for this as we move forward. We have loved and appreciated Coach Clark for helping our football team be successful in so many other ways than having a win in the win column.
- We also have a new girls soccer coach. Her name is Caitlyn Young. She has been at Pleasant Grove High School’s head soccer coach and is coming our way. Coach Brown stepped down at the end of last season.

**Collaboration Incentive Review (Minimal Day)**

- The annual Collaborative Incentive Review will be on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30.
- Council Members that have agreed to attend are Kim Moir, Leslie Jones, Tani Ireland and possibly Nicolette Fike.

**Items from Council Members**

- A request for the counseling office to “raise the bar” and start promoting scholarships at an early age (sophomores) and to raise the excitement in students receiving scholarships. Everyone on staff should make it an appoint to help students get excited early.
- Kudos to Coach Clark and everything he was about! His level of dynamics helped us.

**FOLLOW-UP ITEM:**

2013-14Trustlands Budget Ideas  
2013-14 Parent/Teacher Conferences

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, February 7, 2013  
7:00pm  
WHS Lecture Hall