

Westlake High School

School/Community Council Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2011 – 8:00am

Front Conference Room

Attending: Todd Abney, Robin Allred, Rita Bowers, Natalie Clark, Debbie Clegg, John Festin, Lisa Gibby, Tani Ireland, Scott Mansfield, Caleb Miller, Fred Openshaw, Julie Wallace

Excused: Julie Barnum, Cameron Beecher, Ryan Tyson

John Festin welcomed the group to the March meeting. The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

Review of Activities—Spring is here! There are great things happening at Westlake regarding the spring activities.

- Guys and Dolls—Great performance! Amy and cast have done an awesome job on this show.
- Baseball, softball, tennis, track and golf are all underway to a hopeful and promising season.
- Graduation is just around the corner. We are starting to prepare for that. It will be on June 2nd at 9am at BYU Marriott Center.
- Auditions for next year's classes are starting. Drill team, cheer, dance company, band, choir, drama, etc will be holding auditions in the near future.
- 3rd term report cards will be mailed home the first week of April. There will be a newsletter that will be mailed with it. We are striving to communicate with parents more efficiently.
- Registration for next year is going well. Seniors and juniors are done with the exception of a little clean up. Sophomores are in the middle of their registration time. Class changes will be limited.
- Prom was a huge success this year. The Skybox at the University of Utah housed us well and was more affordable to the students. We are looking to get that location locked up again for next year. Parents enjoyed the prom preview, which was held in the auditorium at Westlake. Dress code at formal dances are a parent decision and for the most part our students did very well with dressing modestly.

Trustlands/SIP—Our School Improvement Plan is to increase our graduation rate by 3%. The ways that we have committed to spend next year's Trustland monies is:

- Rosetta Stone \$15,000
 - Over 15,000 hours have been logged from students and faculty usage. It is a great tool!
- Student Advocates \$16,017
 - The tracking system has worked much better this year. It has really helped in tracking those students who have a harder time staying on task.
- Computers/Graphing Calculators \$39,150
 - Change out 1 mini laptop lab to a full size (will keep the old mini's for replacements)
 - 2 math teachers will be added and will need classroom sets of graphing calculators

The total amount of Trustland money for next year is \$70,167. If it comes in higher, we will look at increasing the Westlake Eastshore Center hours. All of these items tie directly to the SIP plan in creating ways to help students be successful. The Trustlands budget was voted on and approved.

SCC Elections—The legislature has made some changes to the guidelines concerning the election process of School/Community Council members. Elections must run for 3 days and ballots must be kept. So, for the 2011-12 school year the following areas will come up for elections:

- Eagle Valley Elementary Area
- Saratoga Shores Elementary Area
- Harvest Elementary Area
- Cedar Valley Elementary Area
- Pony Express Elementary Area

The application will be put on the website or candidates can pick one up in the front office. Applications will need to be postmarked by April 12, 2011 to be considered for the election. Once the applications are submitted, there will be an official election box where patrons will vote for whom they would like elected. The voting days will be April 25th and 26th in the main office and then April 27th at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Everyone will be able to vote for all areas—they do not just need to vote for their own attendance area. The members and areas that will continue to serve on the council for next year are:

- Lisa Gibby Thunder Ridge Elementary
- Tani Ireland Mountain Trails Elementary
- John Festin Sage Hills Elementary
- Todd Abney Riverview Elementary
- Julie Wallace Hidden Hollow Elementary

Future Meetings—To finish off this year, there will be a SCC/PTSA Westlake community meeting at 10:00am in the Lecture Hall. At this meeting, the proposed bond will be given and the timeline associated with it. Because of this, the April 22nd meeting that was originally scheduled will be canceled. After April 28th, the School/Community Council will not meet again until August 8th @ 8:00am. We will meet as a full committee and elect a chairman and a co-chair at that point.

Other—

- Remediation—is it used wisely? For the most part yes, it is. Again, we can always do better but, teachers are using the advisory tool to help in their classrooms.
- Registration—AP and honor classes filled quickly. Yes, unfortunately, we have to allow the upper classmen to have first crack at those offerings and there is only so many seats available.
- We will not have portables next year. 7 teachers will travel, using classrooms throughout the building.
- There are 13 teaching positions posted.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 28, 2011

10:00am

Westlake Lecture Hall