

Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 1, 2018 – 5pm
WHS Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Audrey Barton, Lynne Benham, Lori Blakesley, Mickelle Bos, Natalie Clark, Erin Davis, Nicolette Fike, Janelle Fuhrihan, Kelsey Furey, Ruth Gowans, Kerriane Sabey, Aprill Triggs, Gary Twitchell, Kelly Woodrum

Minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

- There will be classes offered in the early mornings for the 2018-19 school year. Teachers will be recommended to post their consultation times so students who are taking a “0” or “9” period will still be able to get help.
- There will be approximately 3400 students for the 2018-19 school year. In year 2019-20 school year, we will be approximately 3200 students.
- We have received our FTE allotment for 2018-19. Hiring has begun. We will be looking for a handful of intens.
- Teachers have been extremely cooperative as we try to utilize classroom space
- 2018-19 Class registration has begun. This year the current freshman will stay at their own building to have what was known as “Westlake Day”. In addition, Westlake will hold a freshman/parent information night prior to the Skyward portal opening.
- Westlake needs to communicate better. Parents are still not aware of everything going on—we need to keep them updated!
- We are currently in the middle of the Accreditation Review process. This shows us what we are doing well and what can be improved.
- Our finances have greatly improved! This is thanks to the district for giving us so much help in preparation for the anticipated growth. Trustlands has also played a huge role!
- We recently did a fire drill. The state was pleased with how well it was executed and the quick manner in which we exited. Westlake was “ALL CLEAR” in 4.01 minutes and all students were accounted for in roughly 10 minutes. We have started to send a few classrooms out front, which helped immensely. We still would like to do one more—something between a passing time or at lunch. In this situation, students would report to the last class they attended (before the fire alarm).
- Board Member Paula Hill was in attendance and requested the help to find someone who is interested in serving as District Community Council representative for Eagle Mountain.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 15th from 3-7pm in the commons/cafeteria.
- Ms. Johnson reported on the new Eagle Mountain High School. For those interested in the timeline for the new school, email courtneyjohnson@alpinedistrict.org.

- Westlake does not own its own bus. The bus company that the Marching Band used, was wrapped—that was done for free. Money for attendance school goes back into student incentives.
- Vaping is an issue. Really, there is nothing that can be done about it—it is the new law that has been put in place that has our hands tied. We will ask for teachers to be in the hallways more.
- The accreditation team asked faculty about what they want to see improved. Faculty responded their concern about tardies and attendance. The administration has asked faculty to utilize bell ringers.
- There is a desire for teachers and student advocates to work more closely together.

Next Meeting is on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 5pm in the front office conference room.