# Westlake High School

# SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2016 – 5pm WHS Front Conference Room

Attending: Audrey Barton, Lynne Benham, Lori Blakesley, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, Erin Davis, Angela Duke, Nicolette Fike, Ruth Gowans, Stephanie Hacking, Erin Randall, Kerrianne Sabey, Aprill Triggs, Gary Twitchell, Christi Walsh, Angela Webb, Kellly Woodrum

Mr. Twitchell welcomed the group to the first School/Community Council meeting of the year. The minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

### Chairman/Co-Chair Selection

- Angela Webb was nominated for the SCC Chairman. It was motioned on, seconded and approved.
- At this time, a selection of a co-chair was not made. The council didn't feel it was necessary.

### **Trustlands Expenditures**

- Ipads, projectors, screens and printers were ordered using Trustland funds.
- Currently, we are waiting on the screens to come in so they can be hung. Projectors and Ipads are already here...the screens need to be hung first.
- We have district personnel on standby to hang and mount the projectors.
- Ipads will be distributed. A training will occur with those teachers who are receiving a new ipad.
- Summer collaboration days have also been paid out of Trustland funds.
- At this point, we will let the dust settle and see where the Trustlands budget is before we continue to move on with spending.
- A tour of the new satellites was given by Mr. Twitchell to those council members who wanted to see what they look like.

# Start-Up Schedule

- The Back to School/Open House that was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> had great reviews! Parents and students appreciated the effort that was put in.
- Teachers need to have their syllabus ready that evening if parents want it.
- The hours were well liked and appreciated!
- It was a good start-up!

#### **School Grades**

- The school report card came out. Westlake received a B grade!
- We ranked 6/25 high schools!
- We have great teachers and staff to make this happen!
- The mission statement "Light and Excellence" is being pushed in classrooms. Mr. Twitchell wants teachers to realize what our mission statement means in their individual classroom/program.
- There is definitely room for improvement but Westlake is a great school!

#### **Growth/Bond Information**

- Alpine School District is trying for a \$387-million-dollar bond.
- This will NOT increase taxes.
- There are plans for both a high school and middle school planned in this bond.

- Currently, Westlake has 2944 students. Minimally we will have 3300 in the 2017-18 school year, and up to at least 3600 students in the 2018-19 school year.
- At best, it would be the fall of 2019 before we would see any relief.
- Mr. Twitchell is working closely with ASD to come up with a plan of how we are going to accommodate high numbers such as that.
- ASD will not expedite the building of a high school.
- If the bond doesn't pass, there will not be any new schools.

## **Items from the Council Members**

- Kudos to the counseling office and the Counselors in particular!
- One member was excited with the new physics hire.

Meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 6, 2016

5:00pm

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