

October 5, 2017

SCC Minutes

Attending: Audrey Barton, Lynn Benham, Lori Blakesley, Erin Davis, Gary Twitchell, Mickelle Bos, Nicolette Fike, Janelle Fuhriman, Ruth Gowans, Joylin Lincoln, Jen Sorenson, Christi Walsh, Kelly Woodrum, Kelcy Furey, Angela Webb, McKenna Goodrich

Lynne Benhan welcomed the group to the October meeting. The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Twitchell updated the council on the following:

- 3276 students currently enrolled at Westlake. Increased student enrollment from last year is 240
- District looking at ways to avoid an early bird schedule and still keep classroom sizes small. Listed are the possibilities
 - Converting the lecture hall into a classroom
 - Converting the computer lab into a classroom. District will provide a mobile lab to compensate for the loss of computers in the lab
 - Using the room downstairs between the locker room and wrestling room (currently underutilized)
 - Opening up a room in G hall (currently used as an extra room for science)
 - Using the auditorium as a classroom
- Next year, Westlake will probably grow by 7 teachers (more or less)
 - We have plenty of room for roaming teachers
 - Survey teachers concerning those interested in teaching a class before or after regular school hours. Tremendous responses from teachers interested in teaching a 0-hour class. Few responses from teachers interested in teaching a 9th-hour class. Early morning or after school classes would be approximately 1 hour
 - Teachers would need to put in their 7.5 hour contract day
- Practice ACT for sophomores on October 9th
- State's school ratings
 - Westlake unfairly penalized for lack of student participation on SAGE
 - David Mower, from ASD, is appealing the State
- Westlake's ranking in Alpine School District
- Westlake's push is college readiness
- Procedures concerning weapon incident on Tuesday, October 3rd
 - Administration divided the building and visited every classroom
 - Sent out email to teachers

- Individual students apprehended and in office within 7 minutes
- Can find District policy concerning student weapon possession on ASD website under “Rules and Regulations 6.0”
- Email sent to parents concerning Tuesday’s events
- SCC members discussed post on Facebook “to avoid school on Friday, October 6th, because of possible Las Vegas type shooting
 - Westlake has contacted Saratoga Springs police
 - Westlake has contacted ASD
 - Westlake visited with individuals involved in Tuesday’s events and determined they don’t have cell phones and nothing was sent

Discussion Around the Table:

- Melissa Leatherwood from Eagle Mountain sent email about serving on SCC as representative for Eagle Valley Elementary School. However, she is unable to attend Thursday meetings; because she is working on her master’s degree. Council determined that Thursday meeting times will not change. They will keep her in mind for future service
- Westlake classroom projectors and mounts have been ordered. All classrooms will have new or almost new projectors in their rooms
- PTA enrollment is down. Discussion on helping to get the word out
- Kelcy Furey is linking teachers and volunteers to help students
- Parents like Westlake Facebook posts with morning announcements
- Great report from DCC’s visit to Westlake’s PLCs on Monday, October 2nd
- All colleges will be present for Juniors and Seniors during October 9th and during parent-teacher night, November 15th
- Great news! The District gave Westlake \$93,000 to cover \$170,000 inherited debt. They felt Gary Twitchell had given a good-faith effort in paying back the debt. Westlake is now operating in the black