

Westlake High School  
**School/Community Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Monday, April 26, 2010 – 12:00 Noon  
 Front Conference Room

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Attending: Todd Abney, Natalie Clark, John Festin, Laura Giles, Tani Ireland, Fred Openshaw, Allison Randall, Julie Wallace

Excused: Julie Barnum, Stephanie Cottam, Cassie Gross, Ryan Tyson, Ashleigh O'Connor

John Festin welcomed the group to the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes from the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved.

Elections—Natalie handed out the list of members associated with the area of which they will represent. The only area that still will need a member is Eagle Valley Elementary. Tani will see what she can find and let us know. Faculty members who serve on the SCC must be voted in from the faculty. There is a faculty meeting tomorrow morning where this will happen. It will be proposed that Scott Mansfield and Caleb Miller represent the faculty. Ingrid Andromidas will also get names of who would like to serve on the council from the Latino community.

Advisory Time—Next year, the advisory time will be added back into each class period Tuesday through Friday. The class periods will be 83 minutes long. There will also be improvement on monitoring pass rates better. The administration will not mandate a pass rate percentage right now but if class has an overall low passing percentage, teachers will be encouraged to reevaluate why the students are struggling.

TMT's—Next year, the TMT's will be intertwined with a sliding scale, which will look at each unit as a Thunder Mastery Unit.

<b>50% “Student Engagement”</b>	<b>50% “Assessments”</b>
Participation	Tests
Homework	Performance
Classroom work	Finished Products
Everything else except assessments	Student Presentations

Students must have 60% of homework complete and turned in before they can take the assessment. If they only have 60% homework turned in, they would have to score 100% on the assessment to hit the 80% mastery mark or vies-versa. If one side is low, they have to do better or more homework on the other side. Together the engagement and the assessment would be considered the TMT. Each one of the student engagement areas can have its own weight up to 50% and then the assessment would be the other 50%. The letter grade would be given from the engagement side as soon as the whole TMT reaches 80% (using the sliding scale) otherwise it would be an “I”.

Attendance—The attendance policy for next year is getting looked at. Late students, within the first 20 minutes, will be accepted by the teacher. After 20 minutes, it will be a tardy note from the attendance office. Tardies/absences will affect a student's grade but can't withhold credit. There will be phone calls to parents each time students are absent. Student advocates, administration and the attendance office will track attendance very thoroughly. The attendance

committee and faculty council are still in the process of coming to consensus on the complete attendance policy.

Dress Code—There is a concern with the dress code. It has been proposed that if there is an issue with a student's dress, during 1<sup>st</sup> period, the teacher will immediately send him/her to the front office. In addition, there will be parent volunteers walking the halls and/or going into classrooms to help students to the front office who are dressed inappropriately. Head gear will also be looked at for next year. The only head gear that will be allowed to be worn during school is Westlake head gear—no bandanas.

9<sup>th</sup> grade Discussion—What should 9<sup>th</sup> grade students be allowed to participate in? A parent group proposed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to be able to participate in everything that the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade does. It is important for them to feel part of the school and student body. The SCC can support this idea.

Driver's Ed—Mr. Openshaw wanted to make sure that the community is happy with keeping driver's ed out of the school day. Other schools in the district are picking up the idea. The school board has approved the fee to be as high as \$135 to take the course. Westlake will keep the cost at \$90 during the school year and have the summer school rate at \$135. Students who are not students at Westlake will also pay the full \$135.

The August meeting will be on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. The remainder of the meetings for the 2010-11 school year will be decided then.

Mr. Openshaw thanked the council members for their service this past school year and is excited to move forward in creating a place where students and parents can feel secure in their educational progression.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
1:00pm  
Front Conference Room**