

Westlake High School  
**School/Community Council Meeting Minutes**

October 22, 2010 – 8:00am  
Front Conference Room

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

Excused: Julie Barnum, Cheri Jensen, Ryan Tyson

John Festin welcomed the group to the October meeting. The minutes were read from both the School/Community Council meeting and the combined PTSA and School/Community Council meeting. They both were approved.

Class Change Discussion—Mr. Openshaw presented a class change idea to the council. The idea is that last summer; Orem High School ran class changes by having the students who needed class changes e-mail their counselor. Because Skyward is an online system, counselors could work from home to make the changes the student had requested. However, class changes would only happen when there is availability in the desired classes and it wouldn't interfere with the students' graduation status. This will be an action item at our next meeting.

Notes from District SCC: Robin Allred, our School/Community Council District Representative attended the district meeting and wanted to report that the School Board will be making a decision on ASD's mission, vision, values and goals. She also reported that through all of the SCC/PTSA meetings which the board members and cabinet members have attended, the proposed bond was overwhelmingly accepted throughout the district

WHS Mission, Vision, Values & Goals—As Westlake was deciding on what the mission statement should be, the goal was to have something that teachers and students would remember, something that is simple and visible. We also wanted to make sure that it aligned with ASD's mission statement as well as the Utah State Board of Education. The vision, values and goals also were created to line up with ASD's. The 4 essential questions that Alpine School District uses are the 4 essential questions that Westlake uses. There is some data that Mr. Openshaw just did receive regarding teaching throughout the district in the areas of math, English and science that he will present at the next meeting. The "Light and Excellence" movie clip that is on Westlake's website was shown to the Council. It gives different views of what people think "Light" is and what "Excellence" is. Essentially, It is about who we are trying to become.

Trust Lands—Mr. Openshaw gave the Council a budget printout of what was spent thus far out of the Trust Lands budget. Thus far, there has been \$15,995 spent on the Rosetta Stone, \$3,918.76 spent on graphing calculators, and \$6,207 spent on other supplies.

Eagle Valley Representation—There is still a need for representation out of the Eagle Valley area. Tani Ireland will see if there is someone she can think of to sit on the council. Next spring, there will be elections for half of the council. We will also be adding 2 more members when the completions of the 2 new elementary schools are done.

Stakeholder's Report—The Stakeholder's Report will be mailed home with 1<sup>st</sup> term report cards within the next 2 weeks. Westlake's test scores from last year and how it compares to the state's scores will be on the report as well as graduation data and AP test data. Natalie will create a PDF of the Stakeholder's Report and send it to the council.

Other Items—The parent portal of Skyward will not be open until the end of November or the first part of December. 1<sup>st</sup> term grades are due @ 2:45pm on the last day of the term, Friday, October 29, 2010. The Counseling Office is hosting a Parent Information Night on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the auditorium where they are bringing in scholarship presenters, NCAA presenters, etc. Student ID cards must be worn at all times. If at any time a parent feels that they need to appeal the decision to make a new ID card and have the \$5 charge that is associated with it, they can do so to an Administrator at any time. The council is invited to attend any collaboration Monday meetings that they choose. Please feel welcome. The district has put a block on the Twitter site so we have not been able to update Twitter. John Festin said he would be willing to do the updates if we need him to. Mr. Openshaw has been in contact with the technology department at the district in regards to this. They will let us know if they will release the Twitter block.

**FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:**

Twitter Updates? Can the school update?  
Eagle Valley Representative  
Class Change Discusstion  
District Teacher Data

**NEXT MEETING:**

December 3, 2010  
8:00am  
Front Conference Room