

Westlake High School  
**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 6, 2015 – 5:00pm  
WHS Front Conference Room

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**Attending:** Audrey Barton, Lynne Benham, Katy Brinnley, Janet Cherrington, Natalie Clark, DJ Conger, Anglea Duke, Nikolette Fike, Wendy Ford, Ruth Gowans, Kerrienne Sabey, Trevor Schramm, Gary Twitchell, Angela Webb

**Absent:** Caleb Miller, Aprill Triggs

Mr. Twitchell welcomed the council to the first meeting of the 2015-16 school year. Introductions of each council member was made and what area they represented. The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.

### **Selection of SCC Chair/Co-Chair**

- Lynne Benham stated she would be willing to serve as Council Chair. Others were given the opportunity to express their interest as well however, she was the only one who came forth.
- It was motion on and approved that Lynne Benham take the position of SCC Chair.
- The position of Co-Chair will be one of our faculty members. That will be voted on through our faculty. Mr. Twitchell will let the council know who the co-chair will be at the next SCC meeting.

### **Introduction of Faculty & Staff**

- There has been quite a large number of turn-over, especially in the math and PE departments the list of new teachers are the following:
  - Lecia Jones—Art
  - Jeremy Megginson—Band
  - Lena Baadsgaard—Bio/Ag
  - Patsy Tam—Chinese
  - Heather Austin—Counselor
  - Angela Kelly—English
  - Ben Jones—English
  - Joshua Morris—History
  - John Teuscher—History
  - Jon Benight—Math
  - Jennifer Boucher—Math
  - Jeffrey Derbidge—Math
  - Justin Johnson—Math
  - Jennie Openshaw—Math
  - Debbie Wilkins—Math
  - Kaycee Beyer—PE/Health
  - Johnathan Garrison—PE/Health
  - Kimberly Rohner—PE/Health
  - Daren Ward—PE/Health
  - Ashlee McKray—PE/Health
  - John Wardenburg—PE/Health
  - Jason Passey—Physics
  - Justin Meek—Chemistry
  - Marci Morris—Spanish
  - Carrie Barker—Special Ed
  - DeAnn Anderton—Special Ed
  - Dennis Moselle—Sports Psychology

We have also hired, what we think, will be a dominating volleyball coaching staff. Chris Miller will be our swim coach and we are currently looking to hire a new softball coach.

2014-15 Westlake Data				
<u>Eastshore Credit Earned</u>				
WL	290,625			
THS	254,875			
PG	225,625			
AF	190,875			
LP	163,875			
PHS	158,125			
LHS	155,375			
OHS	117,625			
MV	110,0			
<u>Graduation Rate (6/17/15)</u>				
AF	93.0%			
THS	92.2%			
WL	92.0%			
LP	91.5%			
LHS	91.5%			
PG	90.6%			
MV	89.0%			
OHS	88.8%			
PHS	64.8%			
<u>LA 10 SAGE</u>				
PG	59%			
LP	58%			
MV	57%			
WL	56%			
AF	52%			
OHS	52%			
THS	50%			
LHS	46%			
<u>LA 11 SAGE</u>				
AF	51%			
PG	50%			
MV	50%			
LP	49%			
WL	45%			
THS	44%			
OHS	40%			
LHS	36%			
<u>Sec II Math SAGE</u>				
LP	59%			
PG	51%			
AF	47%			
MV	44%			
OHS	43%			
WL	42%			
THS	41%			
LHS	38%			
<u>Sec III Math SAGE</u>				
WL	72%	388		
PG	70%	454		
AF	68%	537		
MV	66%	285		
LP	62%	586		
THS	54%	375		
LHS	52%	581		
OHS	50%	281		
<u>Earth Science SAGE</u>				
MV	89%	09		
PG	72%	101		
OHS	63%	08		
AF	57%	61		
LHS	50%	16		
WL	46%	57		
THS	38%	88		
LP	37%	59		
<u>Biology SAGE</u>				
WL	49%	630		
LP	46%	271		
PG	43%	488		
AF	43%	459		
OHS	40%	222		
MV	39%	257		
LHS	35%	529		
THS	31%	237		
<u>Physics SAGE</u>				
WL	79%	256		
OHS	76%	215		
LP	73%	653		
MV	71%	195		
AF	68%	465		
THS	59%	289		
PG	54%	406		
LHS	45%	364		
<u>Chemistry SAGE</u>				
LP	87%	416		
PG	86%	205		
AF	83%	352		
OHS	78%	211		
WL	76%	396		
THS	65%	265		
LHS	54%	541		
MV	52%	246		

Mr. Twitchell shared data from the 2014-15 school year. Westlake is an academically based school and is trying to get students college ready. An area to improve is math—which now we have Mr. Huff as a TAA and will be able to spend quality time with the math teachers and develop a plan to improve student scores. He will also be working with all the new math teachers on a monthly basis. Mr. Mansfield is currently cleaning up our graduation rate and making sure we are the cleanest and most efficient that we can be.

### Attendance Policy

- Westlake has tightened up our attendance policy!
- Parents will now only have 10 days to excuse unexcused absences.
- This is not something that is new...we are just enforcing district policy.
- Coaches and/or advisors MUST get the excusal list to the attendance office in a timely manner so parents know ahead of time if and when their student will be school excused.
- Parents feel that conditioning classes are the biggest problem!

- *More attendance school sessions will be offered. It will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for FREE and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school for \$3.*
- *The best and most encouraged way to make up the NC is through the teacher who gave the student the NC. This is the preferred way.*
- *As we go through the year, we will continue to tighten up the attendance policy. Students must be in class to be successful in school.*

### **Trustlands**

- *Mr. Twitchell explained to the council there should be roughly a 17% increase to the amount that was planned for in the spring, which should be about \$10,000.*
- *It was written into the Trustland plan that if there were additional monies, it would be used for a computer lab.*
- *Mr. Twitchell will have the exact dollar amount at the next meeting.*

### **Opening Schedule**

- *Opening House—August 17<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm*
  - *Clubs/Organizations will be in the commons area*
  - *Student Council Tours will begin every 15 minutes from the commons area*
  - *As part of the tour, they will go to the auditorium for a short 6-8 minute video where it will be some “helpful hint”, “fun facts”, “did you know”, as well as some motivational clips of Westlake!*
  - *After the auditorium, a tour will be given.*
  - *This will cycle through group after group.*
  - *The finance, counseling, main, and athletic offices will all be open.*
- *Back to School Night—August 31<sup>st</sup> 5-8pm*
  - *5-7pm Bells will run to give it an 8-period structure*
  - *7-8pm w/out bells for an open house feel*
  - *This night is for parents to meet teachers and understand the classroom expectations.*
  - *This is in place of Parent/Teacher Conference in September.*

### **SCC Meeting Schedule**

- *The following meeting schedule was motioned on, voted and approved. It will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at 5pm in the Westlake front office conference room.*
  - *September 3, 2015*
  - *October 1, 2015*
  - *November 5, 2015*
  - *December 3, 2015*
  - *January 7, 2016*
  - *February 4, 2016*
- *If there is a need for more meetings, dates will be decided at the February meeting.*

### **Items from Council Members**

- *Pony Express will not be open by the start of school. Council members asked for something to be posted on our website for drivers (students) to plan ahead.*
- *Ballroom Nationals and Prom were booked on the same day/night...again. If that is something that can be looked at avoiding in the future, that would be great!*
- *UVU offers a math tutoring night at Westlake. It is on Tuesday nights from 5-8pm in room B127. It will begin on September 1, 2015 for this school year. Anyone is welcome!*

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, September 3, 2015  
5:00pm  
WHS Front Conference Room

**FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:** SCC Co-Chair  
2015-16 Trustland Amount (new)