

Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2013 – 7pm
Lecture Hall

Attending: Todd Abney, Rita Bowers, Natalie Clark, John Festin, Nicolette Fike, Leslie Jones, Caleb Miller, Kim Moir, Fred Openshaw

Absent: Audrey Barton, Tani Ireland, Scott Mansfield, Kristen Turner, Ryan Tyson, Franci Warner

John Festin welcomed the group to the March meeting. The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

Parent/Teacher Conference

- There are 15 hours that teachers get which need to be accounted for during the year in Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Mr. Openshaw has discussed this with his faculty council and they came up with a proposal of the way they would like to see it.
 - 2 hours spent on a Back to School Night—1 hour spent in the auditorium for welcome, orientation, helpful hints, etc. and 1 hour spent as an open forum for parents to see teachers in their classrooms. There will be not be a schedule and bells will not ring. The hours would be from 6-8pm.
 - 9/18/13 will be a traditional Parent/Teacher Conference that will run from 3-7pm in the gyms.
 - 11/20/13 & 2/12/14 will be 3-5pm teacher appointments and making contacts then from 5-7pm will be general walk-in times. These will be held in the teacher classrooms. Parents will be able to wait in the back of teacher classrooms like we had implemented this year. There possibly needs to be a sign letting parents know they are invited into the classrooms so they feel comfortable with sitting in the back of the room.
 - Could there be a computer lab open to allow parents to get help with Skyward at PTC? That is a good idea. Mr. Openshaw also would like to see our cluster schools collaborate so we can all be doing and teaching the same.
- There was a motion to approve the schedule for 2013-14 Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was seconded and approved.

School/Community Meeting Time

- There was a discussion on whether or not to move the SCC meeting times. It was decided to leave it at 7pm. That generally works the best for the council and patrons.

Trustlands

- Currently the School Trustlands website shows that we will be getting \$111,796.00 for the 2013-14 school year. The grant will have to reflect that. We really don't think we will be getting that much because we are losing 9th grade students. Therefore, we are really planning for right around \$70,000.
- Mr. Openshaw proposed that we spend the money on the following:
 - \$6,800 for Professional Development—This will allow teachers to attend meetings, etc. which helps pay for the subs.
 - \$20,000 for Student Advocate wages
 - \$35,000 for Eastshore Center (Credit Recovery Center)
 - \$1,200 for promoting ACT (helping get information out to sophomores)

- If there is money left after these items, it would be used to update mobile labs.
- There was a motion to approve the 2013-14 Trustlands budget. It was seconded and approved. The grant will be written and need to be signed at our meeting on March 28th.
- All of these things will tie directly into our School Improvement Plan, which is increase graduation rate by 1%. In 2010 it was 78%, 2011 it was 79%, and in 2012 it was 82%. As of right now, it looks like we are on target to increase our graduation rate.

Items From Public

- Butting in lunches—needs to be looked at. We will discuss it in our staff meetings also.
- Kudos to the credits recovered in the Eastshore Center. It would be a great idea to put that information in the next newsletter.
- The visitor parking needs to be marked more clearly—more signage.
- Will there ever be a Java Programming class offered? There is interest from the community for this class.

Items from Council Members

- Registration is going well. The counseling office is looking to do individual sophomore SEOP's next year, along with the juniors. They want to be able to meet with their sophomores earlier on an individual setting rather than a group setting. The current 9th grade will be registering next week.
- There was a dance meeting tonight. There was a 100 plus parents in attendance. The dance program will be slightly restructured next year. It will be called the Westlake Dance Team and then under that will be the various areas of dance, depending on the season. Dancers will audition for each dance. This will help them as they get college ready to have to audition for each dance. We are trying to raise the level in all areas of dance.
- Mrs. Hayes will be going to Frontier Middle School next year.
- There will not be an Alliance team. There is no need for it as we are losing 9th grade. The middle schools will have their own dance companies.
- There will be 40-60 dancers kept in the dance program and then they will audition for each dance. The strongest dancers will be kept for each dance.
- There will be 3 teachers overseeing the various dance classes/teams.
- McKenzie Stowell is the lead of the whole team
- Both "The Storm" and WDC will be used depending on what Westlake is competing for.

***NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2013
7:00pm
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