



Westlake High School

## SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2021 – 5pm

WHS Media Center

**REVIEW APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.

### ONE TO ONE DEVICE TO STUDENT DISCUSSION

- Westlake is ready to provide a Chromebook to every student. We are preparing students and staff the ability to have deeper learning in content areas.
  - Question: What if a student forgets his/her Chromebook?
  - Answer: Westlake will have some on hand for those students who forget one.
- \$35 out of the \$45 technology fee (per student) will go towards Chromebooks.
- Westlake is consuming the upfront cost to cover each student. Alpine School District will provide a Chromebook for incoming freshman.
- Students will keep the Chromebook for four years, as long as they stay with in the district.
- A discussion about how to leverage digital resources to elevate student learning, teacher collaboration, and increase the 6 C's.
- No one was majorly opposed to the idea of one-to-one student/device. An invited and encouraged the council and members of the community to send us their reservations.

### SCHOOL LAND TRUST EXPENDITURES

- Westlake is not getting the FTE we had hoped for the 2021-22 school year. We are 1.5 FTE short—which equates to approximately \$150,000 short.
- Mr. Twitchell proposed the following:
  - Buy teachers 1/7ths —this lessens the class sizes—Cost: \$103,500
  - Summer Collaboration—collaborative teams work together on curriculum—Cost: \$25,000
  - Hourly Salaries—advocates, credit recovery center—Cost: \$182,959 (this includes the benefits)
  - Substitutes—teacher professional development—Cost: \$1278
  - Professional Development—teachers conferences, meetings--\$10,335
    - TOTAL: \$325,237
  - No reservations were voiced about the proposed budget.

### ITEMS/CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL MEMEBERS

- Mr. Twitchell invited community support, awareness and ideas to help students with social emotional wellness in life of our recent suicide.
- The extra-curricular testing has been going well. We have tested 428 individuals—only three were positive.
- Is B-Hall the place students do drugs? Westlake administration reported catching 5-6 students throughout the building, but it is not a systemic problem.

- There is a concern for students who are online and having to come into the school to test after school hours. Mr. Twitchell asked for parents to let him know and we can help facilitate testing at home. This is on a case-by-case basis (at-risk/health issues).
- Parents have expressed appreciation on how accommodating Westlake has been overall for online vs. face-to-face learning. The support that students have received during the second term compared to the first term has been better. Wednesday's have really helped in managing this.
- Are there alternative activities for Sweethearts and prom? We are formulating ideas.
- The PTSA is looking for more ways to appreciate all teachers. Kelcy would like feedback about bringing in a masseuse and chiropractor once a month (if possible). They are trying to buy a massage chair or two for the faculty room. The PTSA is wanting to go to a booster type model versus a PTA. They feel it is a good way to build a community that is based on tradition, rather than an institution. The next PTSA meeting is on February 3, 2021 at 9:30am.