



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 5, 2021 – 5pm

WHS Front Conference Room

Attending: Lynne Benham, Karin Brown, Natalie Clark, Matthew Everett, Nicolette Fike, Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Christian Smith

Dr. Principal Smith welcomed the group to the August meeting. All members of the council introduced themselves and the area they represent. Dr. Smith expressed excitement to get to work with the each and every one of the council members this year.

TSSA Discussion

- We have approximately \$62,000 to spend from TSSA
- Dr. Smith is asking for suggestions on how to spend the money—email him with suggestions
- The money must directly be used to and for students—it cannot be used for solid items such as desks
- Council members want to know what other schools are doing—Dr. Smith will find out and report back

COVID 19 Update

- Westlake will continue to clean during each class
- Each class will have hand sanitizer
- Masks are up to the student/family if they are worn or not
- We will not be testing athletes
- The Alpine School Board is meeting on 8/10 to discuss the “Return to Learn” guidelines and what that will look like this year
- Everyone should be somewhat accommodating to students who are out with COVID
- Everything is recommended, not required
- ASD has the current Return to Learn guidelines on their website. This is the main source of communication.

Attendance

- An “AW” is merely a trigger for the administration, counselors, and advocates to open the communication with those students who may have a hard time getting to class. There could be a number of reasons that a student is absent or tardy—we just want to help.

Items from Council Members

- Dr. Smith has a complete open-door policy. He wants to meet as many parents and students that he can.
- There is tailgating before the football games...come and support!
- The community loves Dr. Smith’s video. They will be happening once a month. The council would also like to hear things the teachers are doing.
- SCC elections will be coming. Natalie will have the members who will be up for elections ready for the next meeting.

Next Meeting is on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 5pm