



Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 2, 2023 – 5pm
Front Office Conference Room

Attending: DeAnn Anderton, Lori Blakesley, Janet Cherrington, Natalie Clark, Christie Espersen, Matthew Everett, Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Christian Smith, Jennifer Southwick

Janet Cherrington welcomed the group to the March meeting. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was stated. They were seconded and approved.

Trustlands Amendment Approval

- There is approximately \$100,000 in extra Trustland funds this year.
- Dr. Smith proposed that \$30,000 go towards books for the English Department (AP and regular ed) and \$50,000 be put towards technology (printers, software, Apple TV's, etc.)
- The amendment was motioned and approved.

2023-24 Trustlands Discussion/Approval

- We will have approximately \$360,000 in our 2023-24 Trustlands account
- Dr. Smith shared the rough draft of a proposed plan
 - Goal #1—Achieve a graduation rate of 95% or higher at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Cost: \$329,600
 - Ten aides/advocates will be hired to work with at-risk students
 - Two aides will be hired to assist students in the Credit Recovery Center.
 - 13 teacher prep periods will be purchased to reduce class sizes
 - Professional Development opportunities that align with our graduation goal
 - Technology and supplies for teachers to help students move toward graduation
 - Goal #2—Increase College and Career Readiness by increasing test scores and student participation in classes and programs. Cost: \$40,000
 - Professional Development opportunities for faculty/staff
 - Recognition awards to celebrate student success
 - Increase parent/student education and awareness about AP, CE, CTE, and MTECH classes
 - Providing field trip and hands-on opportunities

- Technology and supplies
- Goal #3—Improve our ELL graduation rate by 2% from the previous year. Cost: \$55,928
 - Two translators/advocates will be hired to work with our ELL community
 - Fund a monthly outreach night for our ELL parents
 - Technology and supplies
 - Professional Development opportunities
- Dr. Smith will send out rough draft #2 that will be voted on.

Items from Council Members

- Will Westlake have Hammer Time next school year? No. We are just too big to really make it work the way it needs to. We will increase passing time to give students more of an opportunity to connect with friends between classes. A new bell schedule will be sent out soon.
- ASD is looking to try for a bond in 2024 for a reduced amount of money.
- There is a proposal to close five elementary schools—they are not up to code.
- There is not an April SCC meeting—Happy Spring Break!

Next Meeting is Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 5pm in the front office conference room.