



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 5pm

WHS Front Conference Room

In attendance: Deann Anderton, Lori Blakesley, Todd Carpenter, Lacy Chambers, Janet Cherrington, Christie Espersen, Matt Everett, Brook Foess, Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Julie Peterson, Harmony Seiter, Dr. Christian Smith, Jenn Southwick.

1. Welcome—Janet Cherrington welcomed the group and brought the meeting to order.
2. Review and Approval of Minutes-Reviewed and approved minutes from Sept. 7, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve minutes: Christie Espersen/Second the motion: Jen Southwick--Unanimously approved.
3. Trip Approvals-Review previous trip approvals that were sent and voted on via email.
 - Orchestra trip-8 votes for, 0 against.
 - Wind Symphony- 8 votes for, 0 against.
 - Drill Team-8 votes for, 0 votes against.
 - Ballroom Team-6 votes for, 1 vote against, 2 votes needed clarification.
 - Ballroom revisit and discussion. Three Ballroom parents in attendance. Christian said the proposal was resubmitted with clarification of, only missing 3 days of school, the cruise was shortened to 3 days and the team will be taking master classes in LA, performing on the cruise ship as well as taking classes from the professional cruise ship entertainers. The cruise will travel to Ensenada Mexico. Jamie from the Ballroom parent committee presented the information and answered questions from the committee about safety in Ensenada, performing opportunities, guided activities, chaperones and student guidelines. Julie King brought up that there would need to be an exception letter from Christian to the School Board because the trip would travel outside the United States. Motion to re-vote trip approval for Ballroom Team: Matt Everett/Second the motion: Julie Peterson--Motion approved:12 votes for approval, 0 votes against.
4. Update Required School Website Information
 - Christian reviewed the required website information for SCC. All members were tasked from previous meeting to look at information and make sure that it was easily accessible on the website. Motion to approve: Christie Espersen/Second the motion: Lacy Chambers=Unanimously approved.
5. Review Current School Land Trust and TSSA Plan
 - Each member was sent a link to the live document with school goals, incorporating three goals of, increasing graduation rate, increasing college and career readiness, and improving ELL graduation rates. The committee also looked at the TSSA anticipated expenditures and the District Projects being completed at the school
6. Review Digital Citizenship
 - Committee was sent a document to review about digital citizenship at Westlake. The school will be on assembly schedule on November 2. First period teachers will teach the Digital Citizenship Curriculum.

7. SCC Training Video Discussion

- Members were also sent a link to the state video training and introduction to SCC. Not all members had a chance to view the video so we will re-visit this next month.

8. Items from Council Members

- Joylin Lincoln and Julie King-Jason Sundberg new business administrator.
- Next board meeting they will vote to approve the independent study for a district split. The company will start collecting data and visiting schools to present student outcomes, feasibility, recommendations. The vote for redistricting will not take place until a year from this November, after all information is collected and presented.
- District looking at a study for the ALL and DLI programs. This will go to the board in Nov. for a vote.
- OCR office conducted an audit of Alpine School District. Found that Alpine did well but has room for improvement with harassment, assault and documentation of events.
- Julie King will be teaching a Civics 101 course at Cedar Valley High School on Oct. 16th at 5:30pm, in conjunction with voter registration and Meet the Candidate Night. Christie Espersen attended the September meeting and said it was well worth your time and very informative.
- Addressed some of the legislative bills that are up for vote. Redistricting bills, removing the constitutional earmark for educational money, capping districts at 40K, moving all SPED students to one central district, etc. Everyone needs to be informed and knowledgeable about the bills and what it will mean to our district and public education.
- Harmony Seiter-asked how the shortening of the homecoming dance went and if they will continue with the 1500 student cap and 2-hour dance from 8-10pm? She was concerned that we are making it too short and not worth the money as well as taking the fun out of the high school dance experience. Christian said it was successful and they will try it again this next dance and then reevaluate to see if student body can handle a few more freedoms at the third dance. Also discussed individual students getting kicked out, instead of shutting down the whole dance and having different areas with DJ's that will play different styles of music, country, Latino, slow dance etc. He feels that this might help control some of the behaviors as well as being able to increase the number of students admitted to the dances.
- Janet Cherrington-Asked a follow up to the Go Fan ticketing system that the school is using this year. Christian said that almost all schools have gone cashless and this is the system almost all of the schools have gone to. The question from last month was: Is there a way to print a ticket or have a way for community members (especially elderly and very young) who don't have access to phones, to purchase a ticket or get in to Westlake events? Maybe talk to the company, if this is being used by the whole district and ask for an option to print tickets. Christian said he did not look in to this part of Go Fan and will follow up with that for next meeting.

9. Motion to adjourn the meeting--Christie Espersen/Second the motion: Lacy Chambers=Unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Nov. 2, 2023 @ 5 pm in the front office Conference Room