



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 1, 2024 – 5pm

Main Office Conference Room

Attending: DeAnn Anderton, Lori Blakesley, Todd Carpenter, Lacy Chambers, Janet Cherrington, Natalie Clark, Christie Espersen, Matthew Everett, Ben Everitt, Brook Foess, Joylin Lincoln, Julie Peterson, Harmony Seiter, Christian Smith, Jennifer Southwick

1. Welcome and Review of Minutes--Janet Cherrington welcomed the group to the February meeting. The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Follow Up Items—The follow-up item from the last meeting is setting up a meeting with the district driver's ed supervisor. The council would like him to come to one of our SCC meetings to help answer questions. Dr. Smith was not able to do this and will reach out and report back at the March meeting.

3. Trip Approvals—

- Football to Hawaii
 - August 20, 2024 – August 24, 2024
 - Cost: \$2000 (but will fundraise for \$1000)
 - The Council did not approve this trip--there were several questions they had before a vote will happen. The questions are:
 - Will the team really be able to fundraise that much money? (\$100,000)
 - The board approved maximum cost per student is \$1750. This request is saying it will cost \$2000. Aren't we over the limit?
 - Will the cost of food be on top of the trip amount? Is the food included in the cost?
 - Does this trip include Varsity, JV and Sophomores?
 - Have you considered the number of fee waiver students in the football program?
 - There will be follow up on this trip and send it to the council for a vote at a later time.

4. Review year-to-date budget and submit amendments—

- There are no amendments to review at this time

5. Academic Data Discussion—

- Last year, we had a 95.9% graduation rate.
- We have grown the CTE Pathway program—we want to grow the Performing Arts pathways as well. Departments are also wanting to look at pathways,
- We can look at the school goals for this year and determine where we want our goals to be for next year. Dr. Smith would like to see some of the same goals built into next year's plan. The current goals are:
 - Increasing the graduation rate

- Be college ready (AP, Concurrent Enrollment, ACT)
- Increase ELL graduation rate
- How many student advocates does Trustlands pay for? Six
- Tardies are better than they have been
- Patrons/students/teachers are liking the 10-minute passing period.
- Do we teach an ACT prep class? Yes! Ms. Blakesley teaches it. Students are doing good and seem to really like it.
- We will discuss the goals at the next meeting.

Items from Council Members—

- Cheer is State Champions! Yay!!!
- Drill is at currently performing at state.
- Board Member Joylin Lincoln invited the group to “Politics and Popcorn” on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7pm at 958 S Austin Court, Saratoga Springs. The will review the legislative bills regarding education that we are watching. You can also go the district website for a list the district is watching.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 5pm in the front conference room.