



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 7, 2024 – 5pm

WHS Front Conference Room

1. The group was welcomed to the March meeting. The minutes from the February 1, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Action Items—The action item from the last meeting was a meeting with Matt Norman, the district drivers ed supervisor, which happened later in February. Christian will try and hold a parent meeting in the summer to help clear up the steps to sign up and complete drivers ed.

3. Trip Approvals—

- Boys Basketball to Hawaii
 - December 3, 2024 – December 8, 2024
 - Cost: \$1600 (but will fundraise for \$1000)
 - 100% parent approval
 - The Council did not approve the trip—there were several questions they had before a vote will happen. The questions are:
 - How many days of school will be missed? 3 or 4?
 - They are hoping to raise that much money to help offset the cost per student, but what if they don't?
 - This was tabled to find out flights and number of days missed
 - There will be a follow-up on this trip and sent to the council for a vote at a later time.
- Football to Hawaii
 - August 20, 2024 – August 24, 2024
 - Cost: \$1750 (updated from \$2000)
 - Questions/Concerns:
 - The numbers are wrong on the votes—needs to be corrected
 - Missing 4 days of school?
 - What are they doing to fundraise so much money?
 - Does the amount each student pays include food?
 - There will be a follow-up on this trip and sent to the council for a vote at a later time.

4. 2024-25 Trustlands Goals and Budget—Anticipated Budget: \$427,187.53

- School Improvement Goal #1:
 - Achieve a graduation rate of 96% or higher at the end of 2024-25 school year.
 - Action plan steps and expenditures:
 - 11 aides/advocates hired to work with at-risk students
 - 2 aides hired to assist students in the Credit Recovery Center
 - 14 teacher prep periods “bought” to lower class sizes
 - 1 SPED teacher to lower class sizes and reduce the number of student files each teacher holds
 - Professional Development opportunities that align with our graduation goals. Teachers will present what they learned at faculty meetings, etc.
 - Technology and supplies to help students move toward graduation.
- School Improvement Goal #2:
 - Increase College and Career Readiness by increasing test scores and student participation in relevant classes and programs as outlined below.

- Increase the percentage of students who complete at least one of the following programs by 2% from the previous year:
 - AP
 - Concurrent Enrollment
 - MTECH
 - CTE Pathways
 - Performing Arts Pathways
- Increase the percentage of students who scored 18+ on the ACT by 1% from the previous year.
- Increase the AP test taken pass rate by 1% from the previous year.
- Increase the percentage of students who receive a State CTE Skills Certification by 2% from the previous year.
- Increase the percentage of students who participate in an extracurricular activity by 1% from the previous year.
- Action plan steps and expenditures:
 - Professional Development opportunities that align with College and Career Readiness. Teachers will present what they learned at faculty meetings, etc.
 - 1.5 teachers to increase class offerings and lower class sizes. (Paid from TSSA)
 - Recognition awards for students in at least one of the goals. (Paid from TSSA)
 - Increase parent/student awareness about AP, CE, CTE, MTECH, Performing arts and Westlake Extracurricular through Social Media, Videos, Informational Nights and Newsletters.
 - Provide field trips and hands-on opportunities to accomplish this goal.
 - Technology and supplies to help students move toward graduation.
- School Improvement Goal #3:
 - Improve ELL graduation rate by 2% from the previous year.
 - Action plan steps and expenditures:
 - 2 translators/advocates will be hired to work with students/parents during the school day and evening.
 - A monthly outreach night for our ELL parents (Paid from TSSA)
 - Professional Development opportunities that align with our graduation goals. Teachers will present what they learned at faculty meetings, etc.
 - Technology and supplies to help students move toward graduation.

Note: The final Trustland report will be sent next week for a final look.

Items from Council Members—

- How does Westlake handle racial slurs or incidents at games? We as an administration have no tolerance for that sort of behavior. An investigation is conducted to try and narrow down who the offender(s) are. A suspension will take place as well as a call home to parents. We can also involve law enforcement if needed.
- Is prom at the Capitol? Yes!
 - If there are issues, the Capitol Police handles any problems that arise.
 - We are working with the DJ to make sure he shuts down the music if kids get moshing. The music can help us control some of the problems.
 - The administration will be present, as well as several chaperones.
 - We will limit the number of guest so it doesn't get too large.
- MGT Presentations regarding ASD's reconfigurations
 - The SCC and employees are invited to a meeting on 3/12 at 1pm, here at Westlake. There is also a meeting for the public at Vista Heights on 3/13 at 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned!

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ 5pm.