



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 3, 2024 – 5pm

Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Lori Blakesley, Todd Carpenter, Melissa Dedrackson, Brook Foess, Wendy Jensen, Joylin Lincoln, Julie Peterson, Dr. Christian Smith

1. Vice-chair, Wendy Jensen welcomed the group to the October meeting. The minutes from the September 5, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Action Items

- Westlake SCC Website was updated and is ready to go for the school year.

3. Trip Approvals (SCC councils approve trip itinerary's only)

- Orchestra to Washington D.C.
 - April 29-May 4, 2025
 - Itinerary unanimously approved
- Thundervision to Tampa, Florida
 - February 27-March 4, 2025
 - Itinerary unanimously approved
- Dance Company to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
 - February 26-March 2, 2025
 - Itinerary unanimously approved
- A Cappella & Madrigals to San Francisco, California
 - April 16-20, 2025
 - Itinerary unanimously approved

4. Review of Current Trustland Plan

- Dr. Smith has a live document that he will share with the council of both the Trustlands numbers and the TSSA numbers.
- There is money in TSSA for Teacher Professional Development. This year, we are asking teachers to come back from their conference and report to the rest of the faculty what they learned. Dr. Smith is the only administrator that can approve teachers to attend conferences, etc. Although it is watched closely, he has encouraged teachers to capitalize on having these experiences.
- The council will see the subject area rather than the teacher name for the prep periods that TSSA and Trustlands are "buying".
- What is last year's graduation rate? We should have the final percentage in the next week or so. As far as the report card that was sent out, Westlake is ranked 3rd in ASD. Dr. Smith will share that data with the council via email. Westlake is doing great things!
- What percentage of students use the Credit Recovery Center? There are many students that use the center—we have the most credits recovered than any other high school. Dr. Smith will get those numbers and share at our next meeting.

5. Items from Council Members

- Clarification on who the SCC Chair is and who the vice-chair is—Jennifer Southwick is the chair and Wendy Jensen is the vice-chair. Jennifer will conduct and run the SCC meetings.
- Use of the track—The question was brought up as to why the motorcycles were able to be on the track but students were told they needed to get off the track...Dr. Smith clarified that even though the track is new and we want to keep it nice, we are going to use it and allow “other” things to happen on it. That has been communicated to all individuals who may have instructed otherwise.
- Dance Tickets—There was a miscommunication regarding dance tickets. We will sell them at the door if we have not hit our 1500 student max. The price will be increased significantly if purchased at the door. Purchasing online is the cheapest and easiest way to get dance tickets. The online option has to be pulled offline at 10pm on the Thursday night prior to the dance. On Friday (before the dance) students can purchase them at the finance office window only. We continue to not allow 9th grades students or post-high school students.
- Is the emergency plan the same as last year? Yes—no changes. The “hoax” that was surfacing today did not happen. Everything went great. Dr. Smith did not send a letter but did meet with the faculty before school and there was increased police presence in the halls.
- Does the food pantry need donations? As of right now, it is well stocked however, we are always accepting donations.
- How is lunch going? Lunch is running great! The numbers are slowly increasing with how many we feed but are still able to handle the numbers. The max wait time is 30 minutes to get food, which leaves students about 20-25 minutes to eat. Students cutting in line is our biggest problem right now but the administration is helping with this situation.
- FYI...Westlake High School Power in Excellence podcase is now available on Spotify and on Apple.
- There is an upcoming election. Be informed and ready to vote.
- The district is moving forward with the new high school.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5pm.