



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 9, 2025 – 5pm

Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Lacy Chambers, Melissa Dedrickson, Ben Everitt, Brook Foess, Julie Peterson, Dr. Christian Smith, Jennifer Southwick

Visiting: Julie King

1. President, Jennifer Southwick welcomed the group to the January meeting. The minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Action Items

- SCC Rules of Order & Procedure
 - The SCC Rules of Order & Procedure was handed out to the council for review. There were not any changes that needed to be done. The council motioned to approve them. It was unanimously approved.

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

- There are not any trip approvals for this meeting.

4. Teacher Student Success Act (TSSA) Recommendations for 2025-26 School Year

- The TSSA budget is tied to Trustlands and our School Improvement Plan.
- The budget for the 2024-25 school year is \$567,299.
- Dr. Smith will send the current LIVE document to the council so they can see what the budget is being spent on this year, which include:
 - Field Trips
 - Social Worker Salary
 - English Teacher Salary
 - Sped Teacher Salary
 - Unified Programs
 - Wellness Center Aide
 - Student Recognition
 - Teacher Professional Development
 - Computer/Technology Equipment
 - ELD Peer Tutor
 - School Leadership Team help to achieve School Improvement Plan
 - Department Head help to achieve School Improvement Plan
 - Student Celebrations
 - Subs Costs for when teachers attend professional development opportunities
 - Teacher Retention
- Dr. Smith is looking for suggestions from the council on what to spend the budget on for the 2025-26 school year. Some ideas include:

- A part-time band teacher salary
- English teacher salary
- Sped Teacher Salary
- Full-time Social Worker
- Professional Development opportunities for teachers
- Increase the compensation for School Leadership Team members and Department Chair members
- Possibly help offset the new Legislation bill that will not allow schools to collect class fees...can this account help offset the programs that will no longer have fees?

5. Items from Council Members

- How is the field scheduled? How is the weight room scheduled? Boys lacrosse has the latest time slot and feels like the scheduling of these spaces is unfair. Dr. Smith let the council know that we are looking at the calendar to possibly start a rotation schedule between groups.
- Our current weight room is too small—the administration is looking to improve that space and expand the weight room. This is in the very beginning stages of talking about this but hope it will solve some of our problems and become a long-term solution.
- The priority when scheduling space at Westlake is first, our students/programs, second, our feeder programs and third, city/rentals.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2025 @ 5pm.