



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 7, 2021 – 5pm

WHS Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Lynne Benham, Kerriane Sabey, Julie Peterson, Nicolette Fike, Julie King, Matthew Everett, DeAnn Anderton, Harmony Seiter, Karin Brown, Joylin Lincoln, Christie Espersen, Lori Blakesley, Natalie Clark, and Dr. Christian Smith

Lynne Benham welcomed the group to the October meeting. The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was stated, seconded and approved.

Introductions of Council Members

SCC Chair/Co-Chair

Lynne Benham expressed that she will no longer be able to be on the council because she is going to be a Westlake teacher, starting the second semester. Therefore, she asked the council for nominations for the Council Chair and Co-Chair. Kerriane Sabey was nominated for council chair by Karin Brown, Kerriane accepted. There were no other nominations. The approval was unanimous. Nicolette Fike nominated herself for council co-chair. There were no other nominations. The approval was unanimous.

TSSA Funds

- We have hired both a permanent sub as well as an advocate/floating sub. The permanent sub will start next week, while the advocate/floating sub has already started. We are excited to have both of these awesome hires.

SCC Training Videos

- The annual training videos will be sent via email to each member. Please watch them.

Lunch Discussion

- When we created the bell schedule for this year, we anticipated it would take longer to get all the students through the lunch line. What we have found is that there is usually at least 20 minutes after the last student gets their lunch. This has resulted in many problems, such as:
 - Students going through the line more than once which leaves less selections for second lunch students.
 - Students being rude to our lunch workers.
 - Students messing up areas of our school.
 - Lack of available adult supervision to preemptively stop the problems from happening; Advocates are covering for many teachers' classes and we are short staffed with lunch and custodial workers.
- Although we felt we were doing the right thing, parents, students and some teachers were not happy with this decision however, we need to gain control back of the school during the “extra” time that students have at lunch.
- SCC feedback regarding this situation was overall good. The council can support trying the new bell schedule for second term. Dr. Smith is still reviewing everything and will decide in the next few days which way we are going to go about this.

Student Senate Program

- Dr. Smith would like to start a student senate program at Westlake.
- The students make up the Senate, the parents make up the House, and the administration makes up the executive committee.
- A student member of each club is nominated and selected to serve on the senate.
- The student senate would create “bills” or ideas of things they would like to see improve or change. It would then go to the house, and then up to the executive committee for approval/denial.

- This teaches the civic process when wanting change.
- The SCC Council loves the idea—as long as it doesn't conflict with Student Council.
- Student Council also loves the idea. Student Council's role will still be the activities, the rah-rah kinds of things. The Student Senate would be policies or things they wish to change/improve.
- We will need this year to set it up. The first meeting is next week.

Out of State Travel

- A motion to add Out of State Travel to the agenda was motioned, seconded and approved.
- Cheer to Anaheim, CA
 - February 24 – 28, 2022
 - \$950
 - Motion to approve was stated, seconded and approved.
- Baseball to Florida
 - March 29 – April 5, 2022
 - \$1300
 - Motion to approve was stated, seconded and approved.

Items from Council Members

- Will the bell schedule be updated on the website? YES!
- Kudos to the band concert and the Suicide Awareness Day! The assembly and the walk was all very well done—it was a great day!
- Do we still have a food pantry? YES! Do we need donations? Right now, we have a ton of food. We will let you know if we need more donations.
- The communication from teachers has improved this year however the counseling office has not been the best.
- Thank you to all the activities and everything that has made this year feel "normal".

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4, 2021