



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2022 – 5pm

WHS Front Office Conference Room

Attending: DeAnn Anderton, Amara Bray, Natalie Clark, Christie Espersen, Matthew Everett, Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Julie Peterson, Kerianne Sabey, Christian Smith

Kerianne welcomed the group to the August meeting. The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was stated. They were seconded and approved.

Trip Approvals

- Marching Band to St. George & Anaheim CA: November 4 – November 9
 - Cost: \$740/student
 - Parent vote was unanimous
 - SCC approved this trip
- Wrestling to Enid, Oklahoma: December 8 – December 11
 - Cost: \$1250/student
 - Parent vote was unanimous
 - SCC approved this trip
- Drill Team to Orange County, CA: March 9 – March 13
 - Cost: \$1650/student
 - Parent vote was 84% in favor
 - SCC approved this trip

SCC Elections

- There are four spots available for elections
- Applications are due by 3pm on August 17th
- The two faculty spots are up for election as well
- Elections will run after August 17th (if there is a need)

SCC Meeting Schedule

- The meeting schedule for the 2022-23 school year will remain on the first Thursday of each month at 5pm.
 - September 1, 2022
 - October 6, 2022
 - November 3, 2022
 - December 1, 2022
 - January 5, 2023
 - February 2, 2023
 - March 2, 2023
 - May 4, 2023

Items from Council Members

- Library Book Discussion
 - There is a list of 52 books that were of concern due to HB374.
 - There have been books pulled off of shelves in schools within ASD.
 - Alpine School District's School Board has to come up with a policy that aligns with HB374, while keeping the first amendment in mind. The deadline has been extended until October 1st.
 - One idea is to put it back in parents' hands so they know what book their student is checking out.
 - This is a tricky situation and the school board is aware of the complexity of it
- Communication
 - We need to improve communication—especially on social media. Dr. Smith will definitely look at how we can improve communication out to our parents and students.
- Orem's district split will be on the ballot in November.
- ASD's School Board will vote on Tuesday regarding the bond, and if it should be on the November ballot or not.
- Hammer Time
 - The focus of Hammer Time is focusing on student and staff connection and engagement.

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL HAMMER TIME



Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, Westlake will be implementing a flex-time period into the schedule every day except Wednesday. It is going to be called "Hammer Time."

What is the purpose of Hammer Time?

Hammer Time is about student and staff connection and engagement. Alpine School District lists **student connection** as one of their key performance indicators of school achievement, and also lists **Culture, Climate and Connection** as an area of focus to achieve the ASD **Vision for Learning**. Westlake High School administration and counseling department believe a flex-time period is an excellent way to promote connection and engagement among students and staff to improve the overall culture and climate of our organization.

What does Hammer Time look like? How will it work?

All students will be assigned a homeroom teacher during Hammer Time. Students will be grouped with their own grade - classes of sophomores, juniors, seniors. Students will typically report to their homeroom teacher on Monday's and Friday's and will have the same homeroom teacher during their entire time at Westlake High School. Students who regularly attend homeroom will also have the opportunity to earn elective credit.

Monday - Students will report to their assigned homeroom **Hammer Time** teacher. Typically, Monday will be a day for the WHS counseling department or administrative department to lead activities and/or presentations geared towards social and emotional awareness and wellbeing.

Tuesday will be a day for students to participate in a club or other social activity. **Students will not report to their homeroom teacher on Tuesday**. In addition to all of the great clubs offered at Westlake, our student leadership groups are going to introduce intramural activities, like co-ed volleyball, or lawn games like 9 square, spikeball, as well as other activities like karaoke competitions, board games, bingo competitions, etc. - pretty much anything to get students together who have similar interests. We're also encouraging staff to participate in these clubs and activities to help promote connection amongst the staff.

Thursday will be geared toward school spirit and celebrations. **Students will not report to their homeroom teacher on Thursday**. We'll have a majority of our assemblies, Thunder Alleys, pep rallies, performances and service opportunities during this time.

Friday - Students will report to their homeroom teacher again to view Thundersvision.

There may be variations to this schedule, for instance at the beginning of the school year, or the last week of the term. Students will receive weekly announcements through CANVAS regarding the Hammer Time schedule.

When is Hammer Time?

7:45-8:20 AM. 1st period will begin at 8:25 AM

➤ New Attendance Policy— “Stay to Play”



Starting in 2022-2023, Westlake will be implementing an attendance and grade eligibility program for athletics and activities. Students will be ineligible to participate in any *extracurricular activities or athletics if they have one or more of the following:

1. One or more failing grades (F's)
2. One or more **truancies
3. Eight or more tardies

*Extracurricular activities and athletics include field trips, games, matches, club activities, out of state tours, etc.

How to regain eligibility:

1. Failing grades - Students will need to work with their teacher(s) regarding failing grades.
2. Truancies - Students will have opportunities to make up truancies through Attendance School.
3. Tardies - Students can make up tardies through Attendance School.
4. Attendance and grades reset each term.

Student Expectations	Parent Expectations
Keep track of Grades	Check your student's grades in Skyward regularly
Be on time to classes	Encourage your student to be on time. Tardies cannot be excused by parent/guardian.
Make sure class absences are approved	Excuse absences within 10 school days. Contact the attendance office for more information
Communicate with teachers and coaches regarding grades and attendance	Communicate with teachers, coaches and administration with questions or concerns.

Truancies:

**After 10 school days, an unexcused absence will automatically change to a truancy in Skyward. That means if you were absent and did not provide attendance with an excusal from a parent/guardian, you will have a truancy, which makes you ineligible for athletics/activities until the truancy is made up at Attendance School. Please make sure your parent/guardian excuses any absence via note or email to westlakeattendance@aipinedistrict.org.

Students found out of class in the hallways or on school property during class will also receive a truancy.

Tardies cannot be excused by parent/guardian.

Important Information About Attendance School

When:	Expectations:	Credit Earned through Attendance School:	Important Reminders:	Questions?
Mondays 7:00-7:30 Wednesdays 12:30-2:30 Thursdays 7:45-8:15 Lecture Hall	No cell phones. Students should bring in class work to complete while in Attendance School. If students do not have work to do, they will be given a citizenship assignment to complete on Canvas. Students must be on time to attendance school.	One hour= One absence 15 minutes = One Tardy	Unexcused absences will automatically change to truancies after 10 school days. Please make sure to get absences excused within 10 days. Email westlakeattendance@aipinedistrict.org to excuse absences.	If you have questions or concerns regarding your student and Stay to Play, please reach out to Whitney Randall wrandall@aipinedistrict.org with questions or speak to your student's administrator.

- Westlake will have one lunch this year. It will be after A3/B7.
- Back to School Night
 - August 15th from 3-8pm
 - Teachers will be in their classrooms, club information, tours, lockers, pay fees, bus schedules, etc. will all be available at this time.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2022 @ 5pm.