



Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 7, 2024 – 5pm

Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Todd Carpenter, Lacy Chambers, Melissa Dedrickson, Brook Foess, Wendy Jensen, Joylin Lincoln, Julie Peterson, Harmony Seiter, Dr. Christian Smith, Jennifer Southwick, Shanille Wood

Visiting: Christie Espersen, Julie King, Eric Wilkes, Ada Wilson

1. President, Jennifer Southwick welcomed the group to the November meeting. The minutes from the October 3, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Action Items

- There are not any action items for this meeting.

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

- Conditioning Classes & Track to Pocatello, ID
 - February 20-22, 2025
 - Itinerary unanimously approved
- Ballroom to Idaho Falls, ID
 - March 27-30, 2025
 - Itinerary unanimously approved
- Drill Team to Orlando, FL
 - February 13-19, 2025
 - Itinerary unanimously approved

4. School Safety Report

- Westlake has conducted an "Evacuation" drill, a "Hold" drill, and a "Lock Down" drill.
- We will do more through second semester.
- We are currently working on the Guardian Program that was passed by the Legislature. We will choose three people for this program. Names must be submitted to the district for approval.
- All exterior doors are locked down during class times. They are all on timers (except for the front doors).
- The visit from the Fire Marshall went very well. He loves and appreciates what we are doing to make this a safe place with our large numbers.
- We have improved the evacuation process—there are numbers posted on the back fence as well as on the front curb to help teachers know where they should line up. This was also discussed and presented during the professional development day before school started.
- In the case where we would need to evacuate off-site, we would go to Vista Heights Middle School.

5. Digital Citizenship Report

- This is a course for students that will be done in January during a second period class. It will be tweaked from last year.

6. Items from the Council Members

- District Split
 - As it stands now, Proposition 11 and Proposition 14 have passed. We have to wait until November 19, 2024 for it to be certified that it passed.
 - The Utah County Commissioners will start early 2025 to create a committee to divide each new school district into seven school board seat boundaries.
 - The map for the seven boundaries is set to be finalized by April 1, 2025 for each new district.
 - The seven board members within each district will be elected in the General Elections in November 2025.
 - The new district board members will start in January 2026. This is when the assets and liabilities of each district will be discussed, as well as who is responsible for any debt in the current district.
 - The new school board members will assume their full responsibilities on July 1, 2027 in time for school that fall.
 - All teacher's pay, benefits, promotions are guaranteed for a full year after the official start of the new school districts—meaning July 1, 2028.
- New High School in Saratoga Springs
 - Will the new high school move forward? Yes...it is just a matter of when. Julie King is trying to change the code at the legislature in regards to bonding while the new district is being created/formed.
 - Westlake will be ok for two years. After that is when it will get a bit tricky to manage the numbers. Student counts and projections are being looked at for the next 3-5 years. We will need to look at how we can make it better. Will ASD have to adjust boundaries to accommodate the numbers that Westlake will have? That is definitely something that is being considered.
- Call Westlake's Board Member, Joylin Lincoln at 801-367-8191 with any questions or concerns. She wants to hear from you! She will also be holding some Town Halls to help with concerns. Watch for more information about these.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5pm.