



Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, September 6, 2018 – 5:00pm
Front Office Conference Room

Attending: Shawna Backus, Lynne Benham, Lori Blakesley, Mickelle Bos, Karin Brown, Natalie Clark, Erin Davis, Nicolette Fike, Janelle Fuhrman, Kelcy Furey, Kerrienne Sabey, Aprill Triggs, Gary Twitchell, Daren Ward, Harmony Withers, Kelly Woodrum

Excused: Audrey Barton, Joylin Lincoln, Jen Sorensen

Lynne Benham welcomed the group to the September meeting. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

Update on minutes

- Westlake's graduation rate dropped to 91%. An updated report was generated that showed our "grads pending". After looking at the list and working through those issues, our percentage has come back up to 93.5, which is still great! We have through September 30th to clean this cohort up.

Parking

- Alpine School District is expanding our parking. They are graveling an overflow parking lot north of our softball field and west of the transportation garage.
- Students will walk through the gate (by the softball field) to get to and from their car.
- ASD will be doing this as soon as possible.
- There will be a minimum of 250 stalls.
- The parking passes are currently sold out—we will let notify students and parents when we are ready to start selling parking passes again.

Trustlands Budget

- Our Trustlands budget for 2017-18 school year was over \$267,000. We also had a roll-over amount of approximately \$40,000.
- We anticipate more for the 2018-19 school year—we are waiting to receive that budget.
- Mr. Twitchell will give the council a report on how to utilize the extra funds at the October meeting.
- Could there be more used for teacher trainings/professional development? More money for computers/technology needs?

Over-All Budget Disclosure

- We are running in the black! ☺
- Our school accounts (fund 21) are out of the hole at +\$62,000.
- The student account is +\$20,000—must be used directly for students.
- The Tech Fund account is +\$51,000—must be used for student technology needs.
- The athletic account is \$40,000.

New Teachers:

- We have 22 new teachers—6 of which are growth.

Alpine School District Support

- Alpine School District has helped us in several areas:
 - Increased parking area
 - Additional FTE
 - 40 new laptops—this will give us 9 mobile labs
 - More custodial help (CVHS Head—will work with Kurt this year)
 - Power ran to exterior fields
 - Additional lunch tables
 - Additional chairs
 - New café tables
- Thank you ASD!

Cedar Valley High School Update

- PLC positions—will be announcing next week. These individuals will work until June 1st with Westlake, then make the move to Cedar Valley.
- Half-time athletic director will also be announced next week.
- Teachers are starting to declare if they want to move to Cedar Valley or stay at Westlake. They have until October 1st.
- Ms. Johnson and Mr. Twitchell will be working closely to ensure it is an equitable split.
- Students have not started declaring which school yet however, we will have to have a good idea by Christmas break. (that's when we start building the master schedule for next year)
- Head coaches will start getting hired for Cedar Valley High after each season completes, with the exception of spring—they will need to know sooner than that.
- It has not been determined on who can declare.
- Seeing what's best for students and keep things balances is definitely a priority.
- Cedar Valley will have it's first logo reveal on September 20th!
- There will be a driving range—it has been approved!
- Ms. Johnson asked the council their opinion of when to start selling Cedar Valley High gear. Some thought to start now to build school spirit. Some thought to wait until spring. This can sometimes be a touchy issue with the existing school—Ms. Johnson is trying to avoid contention.

Other Items/Concerns:

- Is your student out with Norovirus? If so, excuse your student through the attendance office. Work missed can be made up.
- The Homecoming Dance is Saturday, September 15th. Wednesday, September 12th is the Homecoming parade at 6pm and the powder puff game is at 7pm. Friday, September 14th, is the football game and the homecoming carnival. New this year...an alumni social from 5-6pm.
- Kudos to the custodial crew and lunch workers! Westlake feeds about 1300 students every day.
- Can it be considered to fix the "W"? We still are having complaints coming from the communities.
- Can the hurdles be replaced before track and field season?

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 4, 2018 @ 5pm.