



Westlake High School
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 2, 2023 – 5pm
Front Office Conference Room

In attendance: Lori Blakesley, Todd Carpenter, Lacy Chambers, Janet Cherrington, Christie Espersen, Matt Everett, Brook Foess, Dr. Christian Smith via phone, Jenn Southwick.

1. Welcome- Janet Cherrington welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes-Reviewed and approved minutes from Oct. 5, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve minutes: Christie Esperson/Second the motion: Lacy Chambers--Unanimously approved.

3. Action Item: Follow up on GoFan ticket transfer. Jared looked in to this and said at this time there is no way to share tickets. Christian was at a principal's retreat and was going to bring this up at the meeting and see if other principals had any insights or if the district had any pull to ask GoFan to make some changes. *Leave this as an action item for review at next SCC with follow up from Christian.

4. Trip Approvals-Review trip approvals sent via email.

- Cheer trip-Janet brought up questions about meal plans and if food was included in the trip price. Matt asked about school days missed but President's Day included makes only 3 days missed. Motion to approve Cheer Trip: Christie Esperson/Second the motion: Jen Southwick--Unanimously approved. *Approved contingent upon meals being clarified.
- Dance Company Trip-Questions about the numbers for total amount of the trip minus the fundraiser amount. Jen asked for clarification on the meals for this trip as well. *Christian said he would talk to the advisor and get the numbers clarified as well as the meals and send info back to SCC. Motion to approve Dance Co. trip: Brook Foess/Second the motion: Christie Esperson--Unanimously approved.
- Thundervision Trip-There was a question about the group taking multiple trips in one year. Christian clarified that as long as the SCC approves the trip there is no problem. *Action item to change trip approval forms to include plans for meals. Motion to approve Thundervision Trip: Jen Southwick/Second the motion: Lacy Chambers--Unanimously approved.

5. No questions about SCC training videos. (This was done at the beginning of the meeting.)

6. Items from Council Members:

- Brook: Asked about Digital Citizenship Review that took place during school today. 2000 students completed the course.
- Lacy: Asked why we make students buy their cap and gowns instead of renting them? Have the school invest in a set that is rented. *Action item: Christian said he would talk to Jostens about the possibility of renting cap and gowns and would consider doing this as a school.
- Christie: Asked for another parent, why is the Driver's Ed program such a mess? Christian talked about inviting Matt Norman from the district to attend one of our meetings to help understand and possibly trouble shoot. Asked about Dr. Ed class during school time? *Action Item: Christian will talk to other principals and district administrators to see how we can make this program better. Also invite Matt Norman to one of our SCC meetings.
- Christie: Why we offer free periods and why counselors encourage them for students? Christian said that parents want the free periods. Long discussion about whether or not counselors contact parents when there is a class change or when a student enrolls in a free period. *Action Item: Christian was going to make sure that counselors are communicating with parents and will email parents if there is a change in schedule especially if it is involving release time.
- Christian talked about good news going on at Westlake. First, the awesome numbers for honor roll first term and they were looking forward to the GPA Increase celebration that will happen in the coming week. Also, ELL graduation jumped last year from last in the district to 83% which is about 3 or 4th in the district.

7. Motion to adjourn the meeting: Janet Cherrington/Second the motion: Lacy Chambers--Unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Dec. 7, 2023 @ 5 pm in the front office Conference Room