Westlake High School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2014 – 7pm WHS Front Conference Room

Attending: Todd Abney, Audrey Barton, Lynne Benham, Adam Bennion, Natalie Clark, John Festin, Nicolette Fike, Tani Ireland, Leslie Jones, Fred Openshaw, Ryan Tyson, Michael McKonkie

Absent: Caleb Miller, Kim Moir, Trevor Schramm, Angela Webb

Stakeholder Report

- The Stakeholder Report is online. We are not mailing them out this year.
- SAGE testing that is replacing the CRT testing is coming up this year. The stats that are on the Stakeholder Report will be different next year. We are using this year as a baseline for the new testing.
- Our final graduation rate is 88.5%. This comes from cleaning the records a little more. This is great news for us. We are doing some great things here and the Trustlands money that is tied directly to our graduation rate is a reflection of it.
- The Eastshore Center is helping seniors and some juniors. Next year, a plan is in place to have a guided study hall that will target mostly sophomores and some juniors. We are hoping that we can capture lost credit as a sophomore before they get themselves in too deep as seniors.
- The middle schools are helping with this issue and are focusing on having the 9th grade students that are coming to Westlake in line for graduation.
- If there are attendance issues and there is a grade behind the NC, then we will have them do attendance school so that grade can be counted for credit.
- Alpine School District's goal for the high schools is to have a graduation rate of 96%. The middle schools goal is to be clean and all students on line to graduate once those students enter high school. The elementary schools goal is for all 3rd grade students to be reading at level.

CTE Data Get data from Fred

 Mr. Openshaw reported on the CTE testing data. Overall, we are right in the mix of all the other high schools. There were a few that we were on the low end. Those teachers have been talked to about the importance of collaboration and teaching the core. One fun note, our interior design class will be designing the interior of the house that is being built by Alpine School District. This is a great opportunity for these students.

Trustlands Plan

- It is time to start compiling ideas of how the Trustlands money should be spent. By the end of March, we need to finalize the plan.
- This year our budget came in at \$101,000.
- The projected budget for the 2014-15 school year is \$105,000.
- Mr. Openshaw would like the School Improvement Plan to remain the same, which is to increase our graduation rate.
- Ideas for spending the Trustland money
 - \$9,000 for teacher's subs. This could be used for conferences, professional development time, etc.
 - \$33,000 to replace one computer lab

- Put the remaining funds for the Eastshore Center and for student
- ACT promotions and help
- Students will be offered an ACT prep class
 - Teachers making one question/once a week an ACT answer
 - Teachers giving practice ACT tests so students know what the test looks like
 - Help students get used to a timed test
- Increase money for the credit recovery that we will be doing with the sophomores and juniors.
- For other ideas of what other schools are doing, you can visit the School Land Trust website.

Items from Council Members

- What can be done about the crowded lunches and students eating on the floor? The only thing that would really fix it is if we go to a 3 lunch schedule. This is something that is extremely hard because it breaks 3rd period into 2 sections. Right now, that is not an option. We could bring a few more lunch tables in.
- A council member brought up an idea that was presented to her in her area:
 - What if students could test out of a class, if they can show competency? There would have to be a testing specialist to develop those tests and decide what competency is. Could they pay to take the test then take a higher class for the credit?

This is definitely something to think about and is an interesting conversation to be presented to the school district. The community member would have to start the ball rolling if that is an option they would like in the school system.

NEXT MEETING: February 6, 2014

7pm

WHS Front Conference Room