

Minutes (approved)
West High School Community Council
December 10, 2018, 5:30pm
West High Media Center

I. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Katherine Stroud, Sherri Hutten, Ami Burton, Karl Vizmeg, Suzanne Attix, Kenwyn Derby, Anna Cekola, Laura Hernandez, Trish Coughlin, Jennifer Jolley, Julie Lewis, Joshua Pelton, Jenny Nicholas, Emily Stromness, Ford White, Katherine Kennedy **Guests:** Jake Garrett, Caryn Willardsen, Lisa Speight

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes Approved

B. Fundraisers and Trips: Cheer Team: Going to nationals (California) – raising money with Butter Braids (\$5,000). Latinos in Action (Day of the Dead): done. Swim team: Raising \$250 to bring prices down on swim items (selling past-season items). Softball: Hanging corporate banners on the fence (\$1000 fundraiser). HOSA: pediatric cancer foundation fundraiser, selling ornaments. Boys basketball: through SNAP to buy additional equipment.

*Discuss next month – how fee waiver kids are able to go on trips, regardless of whether or not they are meeting at the school. School can't spend more than \$800 per student. The rest is up to fundraisers.??

III. Discussion Items

A. \$10,000 in 10 minutes Students will be released early if they make goal before the winter break. The District wanted to nix this, since other schools are open, so. Now District is okaying it but teachers still have to be here. It's an award system for the students, not for the faculty and staff.

B. West's open/closed status update: Boundaries open! A big win for the West High Community. Biggest challenge - some of the faculty would not have their own classroom (room sharing). SLCS Board President Bennett asked if portable classrooms are an option (costs \$200,000 to move it and hook up). Ford would prefer to keep that as a last option. Board and Superintendent now understand the importance of having shared governance for this issue as well as topics like moving ELP to another school. Can't accept anyone past deadline – if West does – then they have to accept everyone.

The size of West is still an issue. District would prefer to have all school sizes equal. It would be much better to increase the other schools than punish a school that is succeeding. At the Board meeting – it was very clear that West embraces diversity and equity.

Big advantage having ELP at West: there is consistency having the same teachers to get the students up to speed.

Wouldn't it be great if somehow the West community could support Washington Elementary and Jackson? Maybe Latinos in Action? TOK? CASS hours? Counselors?

C. Emergency Plan review: District document, Parents need to know where their students go in the event of an emergency. Washington's evacuation center is West High. HS students can be released after they are checked in. Grade school students have to get picked up with proper identification from a guardian.

D. LAND Trust strategy 2019/2020: Programs are solid, committed, and have the outcomes they projected (PXP, AVID, Latinos in Action, English Language Learners).

Teacher efficacy is directly related to smaller class sizes. Ford recommends continuing with PXP, AVID, Latinos in Action, and ELL. Had high acclaim from our Title III audit. These actions are part of the critical needs as well as the school-wide goals. West is #1 in Language Arts, #2 in Math, and #4 in Science. West is doing way better with underserved students than other comparable schools. Some faculty members feel that if a teacher fails a student, then it is that teacher's responsibility to remediate them. Summer school might not happen. A lot of other things, like plays, instruments, etc, came from other budgets.

SIC wants to target reduction of class size for 9th grade first.
Will there be some data with this year's senior class, as they are the last group that did not go through PXP, and then compare them to the future senior classes?
Non-IB students – are they accessing more challenging classes as a result of PXP?
Gear Up is up, Honors classes are up.
Counselors have observed that more students are more prepared for what they want to do as a result of PXP.

Should teachers be bringing us extra proposals for LAND Trust? \$302,000 is our proposed budget from LAND Trust. If teachers aren't able to request money from the SCC, then they will have to get their money differently.
Consensus from the SCC is that we support the direction we are headed with supporting the bigger programs, and possibly support teachers with a smaller amount of money that is left over. (\$10-15,000). Discussion will continue at the January meeting.

E. Reviewed approved student school clubs

F. Reviewed board-approved fees (Policy S-10) and fee schedule for 2019/20

revisions: Fees must be spent the years that they are collected. If it isn't spent, then it needs to be reviewed/spent/given elsewhere. Not supposed to have slush funds.

G. Discuss overnight/extended trips/activities for 2019/2020: Moved to January

IV. Reports

A. Principal: Would SCC consider holding 1 or 2 meetings at Northwest? Yes!
SLCSD will be hiring six social workers. West hopes to get a social worker and intern.

B. SIC: None

C. Educational Equity: None

D. IB: Eight applicants who are above free and reduced lunch criteria who applied for money for IB. There is a \$47,000 endowment. It's earning interest, and will be available after it is up to \$100,000.

E. Data: None

V. Assignments:

View Digital Citizenship Training by Paula Plant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8njXZnLbDY>

VI. Upcoming Events

- A. Friday, Dec. 7: PTSA meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- B. Dec. 10-14: 11th grade CCR meetings
- C. Wednesday, Dec. 19: \$10,000 in 10 minutes fundraiser
- D. Thursday, Dec. 20 IB Diploma Ceremony
- E. Friday, Dec. 21: **Possible** early release (pending results of fundraiser)
- F. Dec. 24-Jan. 4: Winter Recess
- G. Jan.17: End of Term
- H. Jan.18,21: non-student day, MLK Holiday

I.Next Meeting: January 14, 2019 5:30