

WILLOWCREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

School/Community Council Meeting

October 5, 2004 - 9:00 a.m.

Attending: Julie Barnum, Glenda Carson, Jacque Christensen, Lisa Hadfield, Tani Ireland,
Fred Openshaw, Alison Randall, Julie Wallace
Excused -- Kim Southworth, Tom Wiltbank

Council members were given a few minutes to get acquainted. Group consists of a variety of personalities, strengths and concerns - a wonderful representation of Willowcreek Middle School patrons.

School/Community Councils were established in Utah in 1999. The representation in Utah schools are functioning on different levels. This group represents the grass roots and the basis of communication between the school setting and parents of the school boundaries. Mr. Openshaw stated that this council is the voice for our area.

The purpose of SCC is not personal agendas but to bring to the table general concerns. Examples of interactions between school and community were told and also the solutions given. When concerns are expressed at the local level, it can also be reported at the district level meeting for further discussion. Our district representative is Dixie Wilson.

School/Community Council positions were subject to vote. Julie Wallace was elected as Chairman, Lisa Hadfield, WMS Co-Chair; Julie Barnum, Parent Co-Chair. The term for the elected positions is two years.

Copies of the minutes from the council meetings will be sent to members, and when approved will be put on the web page. Number of web page hits was questioned and that information will be researched for next SCC meeting.

The projected student number for WMS opening was 821. The FTE's were based on 870 enrollment. When the doors opened 990 students were enrolled. Dr. John Childs, ASD 7-9 administrator, met with Mr. Openshaw in August and 2.5 FTE's were added. A new math teachers was hired and terminated two weeks later. Another math teacher has been hired to teach the pre-algebra classes that were organized after school started. A new science teacher will begin his contract on Monday, October 11th and a three-period English teacher will be added beginning 2nd term. Additional help is needed to down size the history and also language arts classes. The WMS October 1st count was 1,001. We continue to grow in numbers.

Willowcreek had a calm opening. Dividing the LJHS numbers from last year has helped immensely. Both school are operating more smoothly because of the drop in enrollment. Building capacity at Willowcreek for future growth is 1,600.

Textbook money issued from the district was \$57,000. An additional \$52,000 was allocated from FF&E funds. Math books were purchased for every student. Other subjects were issued

textbook money and additional sets were purchased to be checked out of the Media Center. We are a work in progress and textbooks are an ongoing concern.

Trust Land Grant money was approved to provide additional teaching monies. A team presenter was provided for teachers to better understand team teaching concepts. The cost of the presenter was \$700 - money well spent! Curriculum awareness for different houses to help compliment each other and the primary goal was discussed. What do teachers expect of themselves? Desire is to arrive at primary goal of learning and coordinating work loads. The dollar figure for the 2004-05 school year is approximately \$15,000 - \$17,000. Other issues will be written up and presented the spring of 2005 for next year's Trust Land Grant money.

Reading strategies and is WMS reaching the students who really need the help? Reading class scope to be checked. This concern will be addressed at the next meeting. Math and reading are areas to receive attention the 2004-05 school year.

Trust lands film was shown and council has a better understanding of the vastness of property and the educational reward issued to better educated Utah's students.

School/Community Council meetings were discussed and written on calendar:

November 9, 2004

January 25, 2005

March 8, 2005

May 3, 2005

Reminder letters will be send to members.

Council members report –

*A/B Schedule is a hit! Members pleased with the concept.

*Total evacuation - what would we do?

1. WMS would walk to the farthest corner of the field
2. Students would be bused to Lehi High School
3. School would evacuated to closest church building - two blocks away

*Web page used to contact parents of events happening at WMS

*At this time, WMS does not have funds available to sent home newsletters.

*Parent/Teacher Conference - send notes home with students

*Parent/Teacher Conference - lines were too long - visits w/teachers need to be shortened

*Abuse/suicide incident reviewed

*Computers available in Cafetorium area for students to view power school for grades