

Woods Cross High School Community Council  
Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2016

Woods Cross High School held its Community Council Meeting on December 7, 2016 at 2:30 pm. This meeting was held in the Conference room at Woods Cross High School. Members in attendance were: Travis Lund, Canyon Schmerse, Cary Jo Nieman, Maren Hansen, Laura Gobel, Michele Halls, Christina Guevara, Wendy McLachlan, Alison Smart, Carol Petersen, Doug Young, Catherine Johnson, Zach Hansen, Tim Wilson. John Haning and Holly Ferguson were excused.

1. Motion to approve minutes from the meeting in November were approved. Members were reminded that the minutes are posted to the school website at least a two weeks before the next meeting. It was suggested that the minutes be sent with the reminder e-mail about the next meeting.
2. Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship was discussed. The legislature has assigned school Community Councils the responsibility to create a safe technology environment for students. Zach Hansen – Media Center, and Tim Wilson – School Technology Specialist, were introduced. Digital Technology definition was discussed which covers all the norms of appropriate, responsible and healthy behavior related to technology use including digital literacy, ethics, etiquette, and security.
  - a. Tim Wilson discussed the filters that the district currently has in place which apply to all computers in the building as well as laptops and tablets that are taken home. Filters are in place to prevent teachers and students from installing programs which has helped with viruses on equipment. There was discussion about filters blocking information that could be useful to students and teachers. Canyon Schmerse reported that he knows students who have downloaded apps on their devices that can get around the filters. There is no way for the district to monitor or filter private cell phones or tablets that are used without wifi.
  - b. Zach Hansen reported on the efforts he makes to educate students and teachers on how to find information effectively and legally. He teaches about fair use rules for information used in educational settings, importance of giving credit for sources, and how to evaluate the quality of sources. Maren Hansen reported that the State Office of Education is working on approval for new digital learning courses to be taught at the high school level starting as soon as next year.
  - c. Parent accessibility to technology was discussed. There was question about parent’s use of the school website. Resource to help with digital literacy could be put on the website. “Parent University” could be held during parent teacher conferences to help parents with the use of technology used for surveys and other tools. Training videos were suggested. The question was asked about whether or not too many e-mails are being sent from the

school and it was felt that they were helpful, although parents felt they are getting too many Peachjar notices.

The committee was encouraged to review the handouts that were given concerning this subject and report back at the January meeting with any other suggestions.

### 3. Principal's Report - Travis Lund

- a. The student body officers and others were commended for their community involvement in events at Bountiful High and Mueller Park Junior High.
- b. Reminder that December 21<sup>st</sup> will be an early out schedule.
- c. Reminder that the semester ends two weeks after the winter break.
- d. Construction is moving along. The cafeteria will be moved in February and lunch will be served from the area by the wrestling room. Options will be more limited.
- e. Administration met with the manager at the new Smith's and he reported that student behavior during lunch at their deli has been good. He also agreed to be a staging area in case of a school evacuation emergency.
- f. The school will have a lockdown drill before the break if all the agencies can be coordinated. If not it will be in January.

### 4. Student Body President's report – Canyon Schmerse

- a. Sub for Santa is underway. 250 kids were adopted by the students and community.
- b. Winter Dance is this Saturday. There was discussion about dances as dates or if tickets could be sold for individuals to attend. Many students pair up as just friends and don't consider it to be a date.
- c. The Service dinner went well. Between 110-140 people were fed.

### 5. Comprehensive Guidance Report – Carol Petersen

- a. Counselors are doing Junior CCR's
- b. December 10<sup>th</sup> is an ACT test
- c. February 28<sup>th</sup> is the free ACT test for all juniors
- d. The NextStep night was very successful. There were over 400 people in attendance from all over the district. Maren Hansen reported that there is discussion to have a northern district school host every other year. PTA and SBO's were thanked for the help with this night.
- e. The college application week was also successful.
- f. Parents were reminded about the Safe UT App for suicide prevention, crime, and bullying concerns.

### 6. PTSA Report

- a. Reflections contest is underway. 16 kids have moved on to the Region level.
- b. Red Ribbon and Happiness Week activities are in the planning stages.

7. The Woods Cross app was discussed. This is in the trial stages. Teams and groups can use it for fundraising purposes. It is being tested by a couple of teams to see if the accounting aspect is something that is manageable. The app accesses the school website and local coupons are available for donating.
8. Adjournment – 3:30 p.m.
9. Next meeting: January 4, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.