

Woods Cross High School Community Council
Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2018

Woods Cross High School held its Community Council Meeting on February 7, 2018 at 2:30 pm. This meeting was held in the Conference room at Woods Cross High School. Members in attendance were: Travis Lund, Maren Hansen, Wendy McLachlan, Ben Israelsen, Cary Jo Nieman, Pat Limas, John Haning, Rachel Petersen, John Haning, Holly Ferguson, Stephanie Preston, Elaine Oaks, RaNae Cline, Liz Mumford

1. Minutes of the January meeting were approved. Minutes are available on the school web site.
2. Travis Lund reviewed the following School Improvement Plan goals:

#5. Increase the number of students applying for scholarships:

RaNae Cline reported that she meets with students and has them fill out a questionnaire with their needs and interests. She feels that communication is the key and is using the Remind App. RaNae also shows them web sites with possible scholarships, FAFSA, and other financial aid possibilities. She updates their student information so that discussions take place during CCR's. Each year the number of students who receive scholarship offers has increased. RaNae has done extensive research to know what options are available and works to make them known to parents and students. She keeps accurate records of all these contacts, helps parents and students with essays and applications. She also goes to the driver's ed classes and discusses options for sophomores. It has been a bit more difficult to reach juniors. E-mails to parents and CCR's are the main source of contact for this grade. Information is available on the WXHS web page under the scholarship link.

#6. Increase graduation rate:

Pat Limas reported on the goal to increase graduation rates. A survey has been conducted among students asking what areas they need help with. Stress, PDA, and Suicide Prevention were listed and there has been an increase in information this year in these areas.

Counselors and the school tracker have closely followed at risk students who are not attending and worked to find out what the issue is so that interventions can be put in place. Students are tracked when they have a total of 20 absences. If interventions are not working then alternative schools are looked at. Counselors and administrators are involved in home room and meet with a small group of at risk students. They work to build a relationship with them through activities. Mindfulness activities have taken place. Grades are checked by counselors and learning styles are discussed as well as other activities that help with learning.

Quest is used to help with make-up credit and counselors are working closely with the Quest teachers to help get the kids to class so that they can succeed.

Over all it has been rewarding to see students who feel that there are adults who are interested in seeing them succeed.

3. Travis Lund handed out proposed goals and plans to be implemented in next years' school improvement plan. IVC labs are proposed for video conference courses that could be offered at WXHS that would not be offered in a regular classroom setting. This is a new goal for the plan. Members were invited to look at the proposed options and come to the next meeting ready to discuss.

4. Student Body President's report – Ben Israelsen
Candidates for next years' elections are currently involved in the election process.
Sweetheart Dance is Saturday, February 10.
The Wish fundraising campaign (Make a Wish) is starting. The child selected has a wish to go to Hawaii so officers are currently soliciting donations.
Student body Officers helped with PTA's Happiness week.
Spring sports will begin soon.

5. Principal Report – John Haning
State Wrestling is happening today. We have 11 wrestlers competing. Boys' Basketball had their first region win last night. Girls' Basketball is doing well. Signing day took place today, with many WX athletes signing with colleges. State swimming will take place this Friday and Saturday.

Parking issues are continuing. The contractors are trying to keep construction workers in check but new sub-contractors are here all the time so it is difficult.

The construction is doing well. The concrete for the new commons area was poured on Monday. It is looking very nice.

6. Comprehensive Guidance Report – Pat Limas
Counseling review took place last month and went very well.
Junior Flex is tomorrow where course requests will be handed out along with ACT test information. February 27th is the free ACT test day. Registration for next year will open soon. Plans are underway for AP testing. February 15th is Utah Higher Ed Day for Juniors.

7. PTSA Report – Holly Ferguson
Happiness Week went well. Students really liked the pancake breakfast. Sophomore orientation will be February 27th. Battle of the Bands has been cancelled since there has not been much participating the past few years. End of year activities and teacher appreciation week are on the radar. Positions need to be filled on the PTA board for next year and recommendations are needed.

8. A speaker has been lined up to provide a break out session on sexting during parent teacher conferences on February 12th. Council members are encouraged to give suggestions for other subjects that can be presented at future sessions.
9. Adjournment – 3:24 p.m.
10. Next meeting: March 7th, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.