

Woods Cross High School Community Council
Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2017

Woods Cross High School held its Community Council Meeting on November 1, 2017 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, Laura Gabel, Wendy McLachlan, Sophie Caligiuri, Stefanne Preston, Marly Ferrin, Cary Jo Nieman, Pat Limas, Liz Mumford, Elaine Oaks, Rachel Peterson, Angie Hogan and Tim Wilson.

1. Minutes of September meeting were approved. Minutes are available on the school web site.
2. Digital Citizenship Information was presented by Travis Lund. This information is available on the SchoolLandTrust.org website. This is part of the curriculum. New computer science teacher was hired for 2017-2018 and all but one course that the state office suggests is offered at Woods Cross. Purpose is to teach students how to use internet and social media effectively, securely, and with proper etiquette.

Tim Wilson talked about the filtering in place at the school. Every computer connected to the school is approved to access the domain of the school or it cannot log in. Filtering is done at the district level. YouTube is currently not accessible for students, but teachers can access. Teachers would like it to be accessible for students so that they can use it in their course work. There was discussion about whether or not it should be allowed. Students with their own data plan have access on their devices. There was a suggestion about using the safe setting on YouTube. Tim will be presenting suggestions to the district about the use of it.

31 students have currently been temporarily blocked from computer access because either they or their parents have not signed the acceptable use agreement and have not responded to requests to do so. Students who have violated the acceptable use agreement are permanently disabled. Tim is able to monitor all computer screens remotely. Search histories are monitored. Parents are immediately contacted if there is unacceptable use by a student.

Teachers are continually being trained to use and teach tools that will benefit students. There are online trainings for parents about Canvas, which is the tool that some teachers are currently using. About 50% of WX teachers are currently using Canvas, but all teachers are currently involved in a course to learn how to use it. There have been integration problems between the district Encore system and Canvas. They are now supposed to be linked, unless there is a concurrent enrollment or early college course since the student is considered to be the adult for those classes. Late start times have been dedicated to allowing teachers to use and learn these tools.

There was a suggestion to offer canvas and my.DSD help for parents so that they are aware of the tools that are available for them. Travis will update the website with some helps. The school Impact Team and Hope Squad will be involved in making some videos to present to the student body to remind them of some of the safety practices they should be implementing.

There was discussion about SafeUT and how anonymous it is. It was suggested that students think it is not anonymous. Travis reports that administrators do not receive any information concerning who does the reporting. Red Ribbon Week was presented in October and it was stressed to students that it is completely anonymous. This needs to be stressed further.

The school currently has 12-13 mobile computer labs. The plan is to make all classrooms capable of having their own mobile lab. WiFi has been upgraded to accommodate high

capable of having their own mobile lab. WiFi has been upgraded to accommodate high usage.

Council members were encouraged to submit any questions or suggestions they have about this subject for further discussion.

3. Student Body President's report – Sophie Caligiuri

November and December are busiest months for service projects. In the past WX has partnered with the Road Home, but this will not happen this year because of construction and the lack of a kitchen and cafeteria. Community members will be targeted this year and gift baskets will be given. Suggestions of families should be submitted to the counseling office.

Neighborhood House service project will be changed this year so that the WX students will take the gifts to the parents of the Neighborhood House children so that they can present them to the students on Christmas morning. Adoptions for kids will begin the end of November. Community Council members were asked to help spread the word.

4. Principal Report – Travis Lund

Administration is working to find ways to involve more students and to encourage more open communication between all groups. Inclusion of many diverse groups is being stressed.

Ways to improve communication are constantly being looked at. Administrators are working with staff to improve communication with parents.

Information has come from the district that the best ACT test scores are coming from juniors who take the ACT in February and then take it again on the free test day in March.

Information will be coming from the counseling office to promote this.

5. Comprehensive Guidance Report – Pat Limas

Counselors are wrapping up senior CCR's and have been happy with the parent support.

PSAT was offered recently with around 150 students participating. Driver's Ed curriculum about college and career readiness is currently underway. November 13-17 will be College Application Week. Some colleges will be waiving the application fee for this week. It was recommended that students receive a reminder that transcripts still need to be requested to be sent to the colleges. There was recently a meeting with the feeder schools to discuss registration and align procedures. Recently counselors went to the Utah Food Bank and they learned how to refer students to the food pantry.

ACT test last Saturday involved about 200 students. Counseling review is coming up and the counseling department is getting prepared for that.

6. PTSA Report – Catherine Johnson

PTSA just finished Red Ribbon Week and it went well. They are concerned about the morale of the student body. They believe the construction and the lack of a central meeting place for students is a factor. They are looking for suggestions that the PTSA can implement to help with this.

Some suggestions were presented.

Holly Ferguson is looking for suggestions for Outstanding Awards by February.

7. There was a concern presented by Angie Hogan that students do not have a place to eat lunch and are leaving campus for lunch. She suggested that the plan Bountiful is using to combine Flex period with lunch so that students have more time for lunch be implemented. Travis reported that our area director Dan Linford is currently looking at this issue. Many schools are doing flex period differently and the advantages of each system are being weighed. The concern about combining it with lunch is that once this starts it would be hard to change back in order to improve flex participation. The administration is more inclined to wait until next year and see what changes the new commons area will bring. Discussions have already taken place with other high schools to determine those things that are working and those that are

not.

Snow removal issues were discussed as far as limited parking is concerned. There has already been discussion with the district and a plan is in place which will hopefully be helpful.

8. Dillard's is having a grand opening celebration at Layton Hills Mall on November 14th and all ticket sale proceeds will be donated to the Davis Foundation.
9. Community Council training will be held tonight at Farmington Jr. High.
10. Adjournment – 3:50 p.m.
11. Next meeting: December 6, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.