

Woods Cross High School Community Council
Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2017

Woods Cross High School held its Community Council Meeting on December 6, 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, Wendy McLachlan, Ben Israelson, Marly Ferrin, Cary Jo Nieman, Pat Limas, Liz Mumford, Rachel Peterson, Noelle Viny, Roxey Cantenzaro, Catherine Johnson, John Haning, Allison Freeman

1. Minutes of November meeting were approved. Minutes are available on the school web site.

2. Travis Lund reviewed the following School Improvement Plan goals:

#1. Increase English and Reading proficiency benchmarks. There are continually changes in whether or not the Aspire test or SAGE test will be used. Noelle Viny and Roxey Cantenzaro reported that the English department started a remediation program a couple of years ago. Students who scored low on previous testing are tutored in writing to prepare for the SAGE test. ACT Prep tools are prepared and distributed to English classes. Some small reading groups have been implemented. This year ACT practice tests have been given to Juniors. Writing has been stressed to help improve scores. Scores have improved on these tests due to these efforts.

#2. Increase college ready courses with CE and CTE along with the AP courses. Maren Hansen reported that there has been a significant increase in the number of students taking Concurrent Enrollment classes and credits earned. Number of credits earned more than doubled from 2016 to 2017. This has been accomplished without decreasing the number of students taking AP courses. Students taking CTE courses have increased as well due to new courses being offered - engineering, computer science, pilot ground school training, and composites course. A new computer science teacher was hired for this year.

Junior High information has been updated so that the courses being offered to incoming 10th graders are current. Goal currently is for 75% of students to be involved in a CTE course, with that goal to increase over time.

The two goals above are funded by half of the Trustland money for 2017-2018. Teacher salaries and portable computer labs are currently funded.

3. Student Body President's report – Ben Israelson
Sub for Santa is currently underway. 250 kids will be adopted and Christmas provided. National Honor Society is involved in the Sub for Santa project.

Thanksgiving dinner was provided for approximately 20 families. The replaced the service dinner since there currently is no cafeteria to bring people to the school for dinner.

Christmas dance is this upcoming Saturday at the U of U.

4. Principal Report – John Haning

Christmas concerts are underway. Madrigals are busy with community concerts. Construction is continuing. Classrooms that will be by the new commons area are close to completion. Challenges are continuous but students, faculty and staff are responding well.

Travis discussed new addition to the school website so that PTA information is more available to parents. Members were encouraged to spread the word about the parent survey that was just sent out to parents and students today. The more response the school receives the better. There was discussion about how time consuming this is for parents with several students. The suggestion has been made to stagger Elementary, Junior High, and High School surveys.

There was discussion about parent teacher conferences that have been held in the classrooms this year. It is anticipated that an easier location will be used when the construction is completed.

5. Comprehensive Guidance Report – Pat Limas

Parent University participation has been good. Regent Scholarship requirements have been changed. More information will be given to students as this evolves. Schedules for 2nd Semester with class change instructions will be given out next week. January 11th and 18th will be days for schedule changes. Comprehensive Guidance Review has been completed and submitted to the State. January 26th the counseling program will be visited and evaluated.

6. PTSA Report – Catherine Johnson

Pizza is being served to students, “Find the Wildcat” contest, and Happiness Week are currently underway in an effort to improve student moral.

7. Adjournment – 3:12 p.m.

8. Next meeting: January 3rd, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.