

Woods Cross High School Community Council
Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2018

Woods Cross High School held its Community Council Meeting on January 3rd, 2018 at 2:30 pm. This meeting was held in the Conference room at Woods Cross High School. Members in attendance were: Laura Gabel, Travis Lund, Maren Hansen, Wendy McLachlan, Sophie Caligiuri, Marly Ferrin, Cary Jo Nieman, Catherine Johnson, Pat Limas, John Haning, Allison Freeman, Jana Barrow, Robyn Ward, Mark Tate, John Haning, Holly Ferguson, Stephanie Preston, Elaine Oaks

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

#3. Development of common formative assessments. Late start trainings have spent time on this process. Jana Barrow and Mark Tate reported on how they have implemented these in their shared Biology content area. They have coordinated labs, power points, notes, and quizzes. They post these on Canvas so that students have access to them. Testing takes place at the beginning of the year, before Christmas, and the end of the year. Beginning of the year scores were in the 40% range, and December scores were in the 60% range, so content understanding has improved. Some students are choosing not to participate, but more and more students are understanding the importance of the testing. The engineering teacher has been teaching two classes of biology and the information is available to him on Canvas as well, which has been very helpful for him. One advantage is that students who transfer from one teacher to the other will receive the same information they were already learning. Collaboration has also helped to develop new and better teaching methods for the material.

Trustland funding has been used to pay substitutes for teachers to attend Canvas training so that this goal can be implemented.

#4. Increase the number of students with math proficiency. Robyn Ward reported on math labs that are currently in use. Secondary II and Secondary III courses have the option of a math lab if they are in jeopardy of failing their current courses. Students with low C, D, and F grades are targeted. The goal is to keep the student on grade level. Most of the other high schools in the district do not have the funding to offer math labs, so they offer slower versions of the course so that students can learn at their own speed, rather than helping them keep up with their peers. This has not proven to be a successful program. Math labs keep them in a regular math class which is a much more positive learning environment. All math teachers coordinate their teaching so that students from different teachers are all at the same point in their course, which makes the lab effective. It is felt that the labs help with confidence and success with students who have never

been successful in math previously. Success is communicated to the regular class teacher so that they can reinforce their efforts. Three math labs are currently offered with 30+ kids in each class.

Trustland funding is used to pay for the .5 FTE math teacher which provides these labs.

3. Student Body President's report – Sophie Caligiuri

Sub for Santa went well. 244 kids at Neighborhood House were provided with a Christmas. Every club in the school was involved. Basketball, Wrestling, and Indoor Track is underway. Marketing classes are involved in trying to increase attendance at basketball games with prizes and promotions.

SBO elections will take place in February. Campaigning will be different due to construction. Make-A-Wish fundraiser will take place again in March. The child who is helped will be in the Woods Cross community. SBO's are looking for business donations to help with this.

4. Principal Report – John Haning

Administration and teachers are working on trying to keep morale up during the winter months. Construction is progressing. There is a roof on the central commons area now. New counseling and main office areas are projected for completion in June. Students and teachers are responding well to new improvements. Last on the construction list will be improvements to the auditorium. Carpet will be removed and seats replaced. The stage area and little theatre will receive a makeover.

5. Comprehensive Guidance Report – Pat Limas

Class changes for 2nd semester will be coming up on January 11th and 18th from 3-6:00 pm. Comprehensive Guidance review will be coming up. State ACT, senior registration, and CCR's will be coming up soon. Utah Higher Ed day for Juniors will be February 15th with most Colleges and Universities in attendance. February 27th will be the State ACT test. Incoming Sophomore orientation will be the same day in the evening.

6. PTSA Report – Catherine Johnson

Happiness Week is coming up after the end of 2nd term, the week of January 22nd. Many activities are planned. A movie night will be offered. SBO's and HOPE Squad will be involved in helping with these activities.

Red Ribbon Week will be revisited in February to reinforce the SafeUTAH program. Mr. Haning asked for help to spread word of this program for those students who are struggling.

Pizza is offered the first Friday of each month to help with morale.

7. Adjournment – 3:31 p.m.

8. Next meeting: February 7th, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.