

Woods Cross High School Community Council  
Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2019

Woods Cross High School held its Community Council Meeting on November 6th, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. This meeting was held in the Conference Room at Woods Cross High School. Members in attendance were: Deanne Kapetanov, Alina Ballard, Peg Stout, Wendy McLachlan, Pat Limas, Tess Larson, Rob Hunter, Cassandra Judd, Kelly Avalos, Michele Christiansen, Marci Valdez, Missy White, Cole Goodman, Mitch Nerdin, Liz Mumford, Nancy Hammond and Tim Wilson.

President Ranae Cline asked to be excused and Mitch Nerdin conducted.

1. Minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting were approved with the correction that the voting on the SIP plan amendment (item #5) be listed.
2. Community Council Member Training dates were reviewed. Trainings are November 7<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Jr High and on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Woods Cross High. Trainings are from 6-8 p.m. Trainings are very informative and highly recommended.
3. School Improvement Plan amendment update: Deanne Kapetanov reported that the amended SIP has been submitted to the district and they will view, approve and submit to the State. Changes that were approved in the October meeting were reviewed.
4. Discussion took place about the technology additions that have been made from Trust land funds. Cole talked about the increase he has seen in the use of technology by teachers and the importance of having the tools in place to prepare for college and life beyond high school. Mitch Nerdin expressed his desire to have data to show the improvements that have taken place in the SIP goals. There was discussion about how to show that progress. Deanne mentioned that we could report on the action plan, and that math data could be obtained at the end of each term with enrollment totals and passage rates. Pat mentioned that the student advocate makes improvements in the lives of the students she tracks that are not reflected in grades. It was suggested that departments who received funding in the past report on the differences they have seen.

Deanne reported that the school scholarship coordinator has already seen 63 students, 92 left to see that have signed up to see her. The student advocate has made a difference in the number of students who are in the hall during class time and she is holding the students accountable for their actions.

It was suggested that each item be assigned a progress data item to be reported on each month in the meetings. Voting was unanimous to approve this.

5. School Safety and Digital Citizenship:
  - a. Rob Hunter discussed the problems with various apps that allow students to bypass parental filters to internet access. It is felt that a large number of students know about this. The district has fixed the issue with Canvas, but has been unsuccessful in working with Apple

to correct problems there. Rob has talked to Senator Lee but has been told that solutions are 3-5 years away.

The issue before the committee is how to inform parents that these issues exist. Members who were not selected to be on the Community Council have been invited to join the Digital Citizenship committee to help.

It was felt that the district filtering service seems to be working, although Cole reported that students are using VPN to bypass various filtering methods. Other messaging apps that are being used by various groups were discussed – Group Me, Remind, Band, Snapp. This makes management very difficult. Communication with students and parents seems to be the only solution. The digital citizenship committee will meet as soon as the other members are added and their recommendations will be presented at the next meeting.

- b. School Safety issues at football games were discussed. Reports are that students are being encouraged to do things at games that they are not comfortable with. The administration and police officers have already been informed of these issues and they have been addressed and discipline has taken place as necessary. Increased supervision by administration at games has been implemented. Student officers are also helping to monitor fellow students. It is felt that the situation has improved. Lisa Fausett discussed UP Stander training, which helps students stand up and let other students know that their actions make them uncomfortable. There was concern that students who felt victimized be given the resources they need to deal with their experiences. The committee fully supports the administration in strictly enforcing the policies.
6. Fall report: Has been submitted. Web site has a link to the state site that shows progress.
  7. Current LAND trust expenditures were discussed.
  8. Principal report: Especially for Athletes training program will be implemented again this year. It is a program that encourages athletes to be a positive role model and use their exposure to benefit others. Coaches meetings will be taking place to help get this underway. Academic Olympiad team took third place at their competition. Practice ACT for Juniors takes place next week on November 12-13.
  9. Counseling report: FAFSA night was a great success. Many students filled out their FAFSA application. Senior English classes will be visited to update seniors on credit recovery and college applications. PSAT testing took place with over 130 students taking the test. Senior letters will be sent out for student who are credit deficit.
  10. PTSA Report: November 14-17 there will be a fundraiser at Jersey Mike's. Proceeds will be split with the Environment Club to buy bins for recycling. No Reflections entries were received this year. Many committee members expressed concern that they didn't receive communication about the Reflections contest from the PTSA.

11. Student body report: Cole reported that October Spirit Week activities were great. There was great attendance and participation. The line dancing was a great success. Sadies Dance was well attended. A fundraiser for childhood cancer took place during Spirit Week and was successful. November planning is underway for the Service Dinner which will be food kits and donations to the Bountiful Food Pantry. Sub for Santa is coming up soon.
12. There was discussion about the difficulty of getting a spot in the ACT Test Prep classes. Classes offered more often would be helpful. Pat reported that the difficulty is getting teachers who have time to hold more classes. A suggestion of a Community study night was presented with parent volunteers.
13. Meeting adjourned at 3:40. Next meeting is December 4th at 2:30 p.m.