

Woods Cross High School Community Council
Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2019

Woods Cross High School held its Community Council Meeting on December 4, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. This meeting was held in the Conference Room at Woods Cross High School. Members in attendance were: RaNae Cline, Deanne Kapetanov, Peg Stout, Wendy McLachlan, Pat Limas, Tess Larson, Kelcey Tupuola, Rob Hunter, Lisa Fausett, Kelly Avalos, Michele Christiansen, Marci Valdez, Rachel Petersen, Cassandra Judd, Lauren Geisler, Mitch Nerdin, Mike Moss, and Tim Wilson. Alina Ballard and Charlotte Ita'aeahu were excused.

1. Minutes from the November 6, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. A proposal was made to change the monthly reporting for the Trustland funded positions (scholarship coordinator, student advocate) to quarterly. It was felt that quarterly reports would be able to show more data that is usable than a monthly report, especially during Nov-Jan when there are so many school breaks. The goals tied to these positions were reviewed and discussion took place about how course and term dates affect the ability to report monthly.

There was a motion to amend item 4 from last month's meeting so that reporting be quarterly for these positions. Any other goal can be discussed as needed. The voting was unanimous for this change.

It was reported that Math lab students are passing after term one at a 73% rate. These are students who failed math in the previous school year. Goals for interventions in "chronic absenteeism" were discussed. This would help with Goal 3 – graduation rates.

3. Current Land Trust expenditures have not changed except for salaries since last meeting.
4. There was discussion that the Digital Citizenship Subcommittee was originally formed for that purpose only, and that we did not vote on a School Safety component for that committee. The subcommittee will only address the Digital Citizenship component.

The Digital Citizenship Subcommittee has met with a couple of other parent members who have had great input. Cassandra Judd reported that a representative from Utah NetSmartz would be willing to come meet with Woods Cross and present information that would fill the digital citizenship requirement for the council and be very beneficial. Content would be geared toward the needs of the school. Suggested dates were presented. It was decided to ask if they could come talk to parents at the February parent teacher conference on February 10th.

Other resources available were discussed. Deanne presented a copy of the School Report to Community Council Template that shows the school policies and needs. Different methods of presenting the digital citizenship information to students and parents were discussed. There was discussion about using flex time at the beginning of the second semester January 20th and pairing up teachers to help make the presentation more meaningful.

It was felt that the amount of time students spend on social media and the anxiety and depression that it can cause would be a good place to start. Also cleaning up social media accounts with the future in mind would be important to stress. There was a suggestion that a social media free promotion be instituted. The Digital Citizenship Subcommittee will discuss the resources that are available and present suggestions.

5. Principal Report: Aspire Plus test scores for last spring's sophomores were presented. Woods Cross scores were above district averages, and 3rd in the district. Christmas Wishes project is underway to provide help to WX students who are in need. Donations can be made through DSD.give. Parent Teacher conferences will take place December 9th from 3:00-6:45
6. Counseling report: Visits to drivers ed classes have taken place. Senior updates have happened during English classes. Advisory committee meeting was a great success. Counselor hallway activity this past month was on Stress Management. This coming month the topic will be gratitude. The counseling department is helping with the Christmas Wishes project. An Amazon wish list has been created and Deanne will send the link to this site to the council members. Counselors have been working closely with math teachers about students who need additional help.
7. PTSA report: Jersey Mike's fundraiser was successful. Graduation night will take place at the RUSH Funplex. Battle of the Bands is coming up. Groups should be encouraged to participate. An open mic night will be included this year for individual competitors. Spirit wear will be available soon. Members are needed for next years' PTSA Board.
8. Student body report: Service dinner kits were made and provided to the Bountiful Food Pantry. Sub for Santa for Neighborhood House kids is under way and participation is needed. Community members are encouraged to participate. Christmas Dance is this weekend. Christmas assembly is in two weeks.
9. Meeting adjourned at 3:36. Next meeting is January 8th at 2:30 p.m.