

**Woodland High School
Local School Council
November 3, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Purvis Jackson (Principal), Diana Womack (Parent), Sharee Gibbs (Parent), Naeem Roberts (Parent), Jonathan Boudreaux (Parent), Renee' Williams (School Counselor), Julie Friend (Student), Gabriella Andino (Student)

I. Welcome/Introductions/Norms

- a. Loss of student
 - Mr. Roberts commended WHS for the support was offered to students
 - Julie Friend – grateful for the opportunities to honor him on the school campus

II. Celebrations

- a. Athletic dept. highlights, Extracurricular Activities
- b. Homecoming
- c. Cluster Event Trunk or Treat
- d. Mini College Fair
- e. Red Ribbon Week
- f. Breast Cancer Awareness Walk
- g. AP Acknowledgements

III. Questions/Concerns

- a. Classroom visits – December
- b. How is accurate information disseminated to parents? – Campus Messenger
- c. Is there a career development class? – Career Day/Fair

IV. Student guests (Principal's Advisory Council)

- a. *Are you being challenged?* – NR
 - JF- *Yes, although she is taking higher level classes she does feel as if the teachers are providing rigor. I am exposed to new information that extends my learning beyond the classroom.*
 - GA – *Does not feel that the Honors classes are as challenging as they could be. More of the challenge in workload.*
- b. Do you feel like there is too much homework? - DW
 - GA – No.
- c. Do teachers ask students how they are doing? - DW
 - JF – *Would like to see more connection between teachers and students.*
 - GA – *Shared example of how Torres infuses concern for students in the beginning of class.*
- d. Is there time to ask or have a dialogue? - SG
 - There are creative ways to infuse concern throughout the lesson. - NR
 - Teachers should be mindful of tone and keeping positive attitudes in the classroom, creating a safe space - DW
- e. Safety and security

- GA – Doesn't feel there is a school safety issue, but there are individuals who have personal issues that are concerning, would think students would feel more safe if there were metal detectors
- JF – Metal detectors – doesn't want school to feel like a prison, glad to have SRO's, overall feels safe

f. School culture/climate

- Glad to see that there have been improvements in school spirit - GA
- Seeing shift in mindset – GA
- Students should be more accountable – GA
- Extend grace to teachers - NR

g. Lockdown review – PJ

h. Block Scheduling – would allow for time for teacher/student connections, less homework – GA

V. December

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 1st
- b. Would like the council to consider passing out snacks to teachers in December - PJ