

**Willowcreek Middle School  
School/Community Council  
February 12, 2007 - 12:00 Noon**

Attending: Roberta Catmull, Natalie Clark, Lisa Hadfield, Tani Ireland, Leslie Jones, Fred Openshaw, Natalie Petersen, Aleta Wilkinson, Tom Wiltbank

Excused: Robert Bean, Ellie Bodily, Laura Giles, Dan Jackman

Fred Openshaw welcomed the group and Natalie Clark read the minutes from the February meeting. There was one small correction to the February minutes, which Mr. Openshaw corrected. The minutes were voted on *with* the minor correction and approved.

Mr. Openshaw reported on students' transition from one school to another. Last month, Willowcreek invited the 6<sup>th</sup> grade English teachers from the feeder elementary schools to meet together and discuss the transition phase of what is being taught and how we can help the students find the classes which will help them the most. Out of seven feeder schools, only two schools attended the meeting. In addition to the transition from elementary school to middle school, the transition from middle school to high school is just as big. On March 5, 2007 is a Professional Development Day for teachers and administrators. During that PDT day, both Willowcreek and Lehi Jr. will be meeting at Lehi High School to discuss the classes offered and how to be more prepared for student success.

On Friday, April 6, 2007, our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to participate in Reality Town. There is a need for many volunteers to make this day happen. We are excited for this day and look forward to see these students have this experience.

Mr. Openshaw asked the board if they liked the 7<sup>th</sup> grade SEOP's (Student Educational Occupation Plan) in the fall rather than the early spring. The feedback was very positive about them taking place in the fall. Mr. Wiltbank commented what a difference it has made to get to know the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students before the year is more than half over. It has been a positive switch.

Items/Questions from the board were the following:

1. Were parents notified about the "I's" in semester classes turning to F's if they weren't made up in time? Mr. Openshaw explained that it probably could have been more clear to parents. Again, everyone is in a learning curve with Walkaways and that is something we could have done a better job with.
2. Is the new High School going to have a pool? How many gyms? Right now there is not a pool planned to be inside the High School. Saratoga City is trying to be part of a Recreation Center by the High School which would have a pool. That is still to be determined. There are two gyms in the new High School.

3. Are there cameras in the ceramics room? Yes. Mr. Openshaw explained, because there is only one teacher and different rooms within the classroom, the teacher needs help with being able to watch students more closely.

In May, the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the practice UBSCT test for the second time this year. Will there be a follow-up letter to let parents know the results of the test and how their student scored? Mr. Openshaw will check to see if the teachers who are involved in this process are planning to send out a letter following the second UBCST test. He will report on that in the next School/Community Council Meeting in March.

School/Community Council elections are coming up. Willowcreek boundary had been divided into four (4) geographic sections. Representation from each geographic section is based on population. Our School/Community Council has one representative from Cedar Valley, two representatives from Eagle Mountain, two from Saratoga Springs and two from Lehi. Because it is a two year term, not all spots need to be filled. Current council members have been asked to bring names to the meeting in March of people who they suggest would like to represent their area.

As we are beginning to look forward to the 2007-08 school year, Mr. Openshaw has asked for the council to start thinking of possibilities for the Trustlands money and how it should be spent. He has requested for the council to come with ideas to be presented at the next meeting in March.

Mr. Openshaw presented the end of second term data. In the 2005-06 school year, at the end of second term, Willowcreek had a pass rate of 89% with a GPA of 2.9. Out of the 89%, 9% were D's, 13% were C's, 21% was B's, and 44% was A's. This year at the end of second term, our overall pass rate was 89% with a GPA of 3.3. Out of the 89%, 3% was D's, 10% was C's, 20% was B's, and 51% was A's. Currently, our current pass rate is 94%.

This year, 90% of our teachers are participating in Walkaway's. Because of the improvement we are experiencing this year, it will be mandatory for teachers to participate in Walkaway's in their classes next year. Currently, there are 226 "I's" still from term 1, which students can continue to work on. At the end of term 2, there were 526 "I's", which that number has already dropped to 451. Teachers have learned to teach more in depth, allowing students to better understand the concept the first time it is being taught. The data is brought up to date weekly and posted in the front office window.

### **Next School/Community Council Meeting:**

**March 12, 2007  
12:00 Noon - Snacks Provided  
WMS Conference Room**