

**Willowcreek Middle School  
School/Community Council  
January 8, 2007 - 12:00 Noon**

Attending: Robert Bean, Ellie Bodily, Roberta Catmull, Natalie Clark, Laura Giles, Tani Ireland, Leslie Jones, Fred Openshaw, Natalie Petersen, Aleta Wilkinson

Excused: Dan Jackman, Lisa Hadfield, Tom Wiltbank

Natalie Petersen welcomed the group and Natalie Clark read the minutes from the November meeting. The minutes were voted on and approved.

Aleta Wilkinson and Laura Giles attended the collaboration meetings in November. Both were asked to report on those meetings. Each felt the meetings were great, giving good insight to what is being discussed among teachers. They appreciate the opportunity to attend the Monday afternoon collaboration meetings.

In November, we administered a practice lock down drill. We wanted to find where the holes were and what we could do to improve. We found the switch which closes and locks the glass, house doors, was not working correctly. It has since been fixed. We have added phone lines in the office to help with the accounting of students. However, in case of the phones lines going down, we have put a "Card System" in place. Each teacher was given a red card and a green card. They are to place the proper card in their classroom window, indicating the status of their classroom. Another practice lock down is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2007.

Mr. Openshaw gave comparisons of pass rates and GPA's between 2005-06 school year and 2006-07. In term 1 of 2005-06, the overall pass rate was 91%, with a GPA of 3.1. In term 1 of 2006-07, the overall pass rate has increased to 93%, with the GPA increasing to 3.4. We are moving in the right direction. During term 2 of last year, we had a pass rate of 89%, with a GPA of 2.9. Mr. Openshaw is excited to see what term 2 brings. He hopes to keep improving each term and will report on term 2 during the next School/Community Council meeting in February.

Walkaways—Leslie Jones, a board member, was very appreciative of the Walkaway/Parent letter which was sent home with students during term 1. Information or questions parents may have regarding Walkaways is also posted on Willowcreek's web site at [www.willowcreek.alpinedistrict.org](http://www.willowcreek.alpinedistrict.org). In the 2005-06 school year, only 30% of a students grade counted in showing mastery. This year, we are requiring 70% of a students grade to show mastery. At the end of term 1, 898 students had one or more "I's". Currently, we have 319 "I's". Teachers have been given two(2) weeks to make up "I's" before grades are due. If the "I's" in a semester class have not been taken care of by the time the grades are submitted, the grade will turn from an "I" to an "F".

Mr. Openshaw reviewed and compared practice CRT data.

| MATH 7         |     |
|----------------|-----|
| September 2006 | 29% |
| December 2006  | 33% |

Math 7 is a new class this year. There is not any data from last year.

| PRE-ALGEBRA    |     |
|----------------|-----|
| December 2005  | 43% |
| September 2006 | 52% |
| December 2006  | 63% |

| ALGEBRA        |     |
|----------------|-----|
| December 2005  | 43% |
| September 2006 | 37% |
| December 2006  | 47% |

All students taking Algebra in the 2007-08 school year, will be required to take it both A-Day and B-Day. Algebra is known as the “building block” in math.

| GEOMETRY       |     |
|----------------|-----|
| December 2005  | 39% |
| September 2006 | 33% |
| December 2006  | 40% |

| ALGEBRA 2      |     |
|----------------|-----|
| September 2006 | 30% |
| December 2006  | 31% |

There is not an end of level test for Algebra 2.

On January 22, 2007, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers from the elementary schools which feed into Willowcreek, will meet with our English teachers. Mr. Openshaw and Mr. Cox, the Junior High/Middle School Principals, have also requested Professional Development time with Lehi High School. We want to help students in the transition phase and maximize the benefits of them from Elementary School going into Junior High/Middle School and from Junior High/Middle School going to High School.

The calling system is up and running. Alpine School District has set in place a calling system, that will call home if your student has an unexcused absence. Parents are loving the system and appreciate the call to let them know of their students absence.

There was an update on the New High School from our School/Community Council District Representative, Ellie Bodily. The plans for the High School is coming along great. A builder has been chosen and the plans are beautiful. There is big excitement in this long awaited project.

Laura Giles, a board member, asked if there is going to be Reality Town this year for the ninth grade students? Mr. Openshaw answered that question with a “yes, there will be Reality Town.” It will be in March.

**Next School/Community Council Meeting:**

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