

**Willowcreek Middle School
School/Community Council
March 12, 2007**

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

Excused: Lisa Hadfield, Dan Jackman, Natalie Petersen

Fred Openshaw excused our chairman, Natalie Petersen, and welcomed the group. Natalie Clark read the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were voted on and approved.

A handout was given of the Powerpoint presentation which was shown at the Professional Development Day on March 5, 2007, Mr. Openshaw presented the walkaway information to both Lehi High School and Lehi Jr. High School. The feedback from the meeting was very positive. The only negative issue which was brought to attention was that maybe this form of testing is teaching students to procrastinate. The end of level CRT test and how well our students score will hopefully help us determine if this is the case.

A handout was given to each council member of the current pass rate. Although this figure changes weekly, our current pass rate for third term is 80%. Out of that 80%, 20% are F's or I's, 3 % are D's, 9% are C's, 17% are B's, and 43% are A's.

Beginning the 2007-08 school year, any student who is enrolled in Algebra will be required to take it both A day and B day. Algebra is the "Gatekeeper" to all other math that a student will take. For a student to understand all areas of math throughout the rest of their education, we feel it is very important to understand and master the concepts in Algebra. Therefore, beginning in the 2007-08 school year, **every** student who is enrolled in Algebra will be required to have that class every day rather than every other day. In exchange for this, students will be required to drop an elective class. We feel this will improve students' test scores and help the students understand the concepts. In some cases there will be students who are ready for Algebra and may not need to take Algebra every day. This will be determined by looking at their Pre-Algebra CRT scores and will be taken case by case. Mr. Openshaw handed out a sheet showing the percentages of students who could maintain a 4 from Pre-Algebra to Algebra. The overall district percentage of students who could maintain a 4 is 67%, while Willowcreek is 41%. This is why we feel it will be beneficial to students to take Algebra every day. The question was asked why not offer Pre-Algebra every day? Mr. Openshaw explained that our Pre-Algebra scores are climbing and we feel confident the direction it is going. Students who truly understand Algebra will have more of a foundation and should be able to go forward easier. Students will have the same teacher in math both days. Taking Algebra every day will be evaluated each year. The feedback from the council was very positive and supported this idea.

Math in the elementaries? Mr. Openshaw explained it would be a good idea to attend the parent

meeting in your area regarding math. Have your voices heard about the kind of math program you would like to see in your elementary school.

There was a handout given to the council of the Trustland Budget expenditures for the 2006-07 year. This year we will end with roughly \$2000, to roll over to the 2007-08 year. Mr. Openshaw proposed next year's budget to be used for a math mobile lab, which will then give us a mobile lab for all core subjects, continual funding for Go My Access licenses for next year, and for our Guided Study Hall Aide. We need to have the budget plan submitted by April 13, 2007. At our next SCC meeting on April 9, 2007, Mr. Openshaw would like to finalize the budget. At that meeting, he has requested no new budget ideas to be thrown on the table. If one of the council members has something they would like to present as an idea, they need to e-mail Mr. Openshaw before then.

SCC Elections-The School/Community Council for the 2007-08 school year are as follows:

One Representative - Cedar Valley (Cedar Fort and Fairfield)	Dan Jackman	
Two Representatives - Eagle Mountain	Tani Ireland	Leslie Jones
Two Representatives - Saratoga Springs	Laura Giles	Natalie Petersen
Two Representatives - Lehi	Robert Bean	_____

We will need to fill the other Lehi spot for next year.

Items or concerns from the board were:

One council member wanted to say how well the incoming 7th grade day was and wanted to know how many students would be coming in next year from the elementary schools. Right now, there are 589 incoming 7th grade students next year. To help with the growth, there will be 6 portable classrooms brought in. Three of the members wanted to say "kudos" to the faculty and staff and how impressed they are of the direction this school is going! Way to go!

Next School/Community Council Meeting:

**April 12, 2007
12:00 Noon
WMS Conference Room**