

## **Willowcreek Middle School**

### **School/Community Council Meeting**

**April 9, 2007 - 12:00 Noon**

Attending: Robert Bean, Roberta Catmull, Natalie Clark, Laura Giles, Lisa Hadfield, Tani Ireland, Dan Jackman, Leslie Jones, Fred Openshaw, Natalie Petersen, Aleta Wilkinson, Tom Wiltbank

Excused: Ellie Bodily

Natalie Petersen welcomed the group to the School/Community Council meeting. Natalie Clark read the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were voted on and approved.

The council was shown the Trustland Video, "Using The Trust-Our Children's Birthright."

The 2006-07 review of the Trustland Budget was presented to the council. There was \$10,672 used on the Vantage Software for the "Go My Access" student licenses, \$22,600 for the math/science lab, along with \$771 used for scantrons to support the math/science lab, \$227.94 was used for headsets to work with the Vantage Software, and \$4000 was used for wages of our Guided Study Aide. All of this together has a combined total of \$38,270 spent for the 2006-07 school year, which the amount we were allotted for the year was \$41,095.44. The difference is roughly \$2000, which will rollover to next year.

Between the 2006-07 and the 2007-08 school year, our school improvement plan is to increase our test scores by 5% in Language Arts, Science, and Math. In order to fulfill this goal, our proposed plan for the Trustland Funds in 2007-08 school year is to use \$34,000 on a computer mobile lab for math, \$13,000 on licensing for the Vantage Software that our english department uses, and \$8,822 for two more classroom sets of graphing calculators for math students. If there is a remainder of money, we would use that for wages on a guided study hall aide. The estimated amount of Trustland Funds for the 2007-08 school year is 55,822. The way we can measure if we are succeeding in increasing our test scores is to look at data in UTIPS, Vantage Learning, traditional grades, and CRT test scores. The Trustland funds are the dollar mechanism to help make our school improvement plan function effectively. Mr. Openshaw moved to vote on the proposal for next year's Trustland budget. It was voted on and approved.

The 2007-08 School/Community Council members are as follows:

One Representative - Cedar Valley (Cedar Fort and Fairfield)	Dan Jackman
Two Representatives - Eagle Mountain	Tani Ireland
Two Representatives - Saratoga Springs	Laura Giles
Two Representatives - Lehi	Natalie Petersen
	Heidi Moore

Natalie Petersen will continue to be our chairman for next year.

There are three members who will not be on the board next year. Robert Bean, Roberta Catmull,

and Aleta Wilkinson has served so willingly and faithfully throughout their term. Thank you for your support the past two years.

Items/Concerns from the board were: One member asked if there was positive feedback about students having Algebra every day. Mr. Openshaw explained that there will be 11 classes of Algebra every day and 6 classes every other day. Students who have a 3 or 4 on their CRT scores and have an A in Pre-Algebra will be able to take the regular Algebra course, which is every other day. A concern was brought to attention about the different math programs coming available in the elementaries and how that will effect students and teachers when the different feeder schools come together in one school. Mr. Openshaw explained that even though there may be two different methods in the way elementaries teach math, it should be okay, as long as teachers are teaching to the state core. A question was asked about when the second practice UBSCT test for the ninth grade will be. It will be after the CRT testing window—towards the end of May. There was also a concern about Walkaways and when will teachers be done giving Walkaways for the year. Mr. Openshaw explained that teachers should not be giving Walkaways the last two weeks of school. This will allow students time who need to make up any Walkaways before the last day of school the opportunity to do so. There will also be a “Call Out” from the new calling system to each students’ home to notify both students and parents that the “Walkaways” need to be made up or the “I” will turn to an F on the last day of school.

***Follow-up item:*** Scores/data from the 2006-07 CRT tests will be presented to the board.

***Next Meeting:*** Thursday, August 9, 2007  
12:00 Noon  
WMS Conference Room