

# Willowcreek Middle School

## School/Community Council Meeting August 9, 2007 - 12:00 Noon

Attending: Ellie Bodily, Laura Giles, Lisa Hadfield, Tani Ireland, Dan Jackman, Leslie Jones, Heidi Moore, Fred Openshaw, Natalie Petersen, Allison Randall, Tom Wiltbank

Natalie Petersen welcomed the group to the first School/Community Council meeting of the 2007-08 school year. Natalie Clark read the minutes from the April meeting. The minutes were voted on and approved.

Introductions of new members were given. For the 2007-08 school year, the new members are Heidi Moore, who represents the Lehi area, Allison Randall, who represents the Saratoga Springs area, and Danelle Bates who is the new PTSA President.

Mr. Openshaw gave a report on 2006-07 CRT end of level testing. Willowcreek did much better than we have done in years past. In 2005-06, our pass rate was 89% with an average GPA of 2.9. In 2006-07, our pass rate increased to 93% with an average GPA of 3.2. The data is as follows:

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Math 7	32%	36%	48%
Pre Algebra	64%	69%	82%
Algebra	75%	65%	78%
Geometry	75%	77%	83%

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
English 7	81%	80%	88%
English 8	80%	75%	85%
English 9	82%	83%	86%

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Science 7	44%	64%	79%
Science 8	55%	62%	68%
Earth Systems	47%	49%	72%
Biology	69%	71%	84%

We also scored much higher in our Direct Writing Assessment test, the CTE skills test, and also the MARS test. Overall, we have improved in all areas. Walkaway's are working. Because of

the academic increase that Walkaway's have shown last year, Willowcreek will be doing them again this year. Teachers are asked to teach the core. Students must pass Walkaway's at 80% or higher. The passing class average must also be 80% before the class can move on to the next core concept.

Correct placement in math is vital. Students will be placed in the correct math setting, based on their test scores and GPA. There are several combinations we can do to ensure that all students are receiving the best education in math. There are so many different level of students, we need to reach out to them and help them in any way we can.

Mr. Openshaw explained to the group information about the advisory period. Dave Robinson is the coordinator for the advisory period. The advisory period will help students stay current on Walkaway's. The only time we can help students effectively are from the time they get off the bus in the mornings to the time they get back on the bus in the afternoon. The last hour on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, every student will be in an advisory period. The first 20 minutes, students will have silent sustained reading while teachers will run a report to see who needs to make up any I's and who is current. Those that need to make up I's will then work on Walkaways and missed assignments, while students who are caught up on all work will be able to do various enrichment activities for that week. All subjects will be available during the advisory period and it will begin September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Openshaw believes class time will not be sacrificed because it has always been that a class cannot move on until the passing average is 80%. In the long run he is hoping the teachers will be able to move along faster and get through more of the concepts. Teachers are asked to update Powerschool before they leave on Friday's therefore, an accurate eligibility report can be ran on Tuesday's. This year, the entire staff is doing Walkaways. The only way there is an exception is if a teacher teaches 3 or more different subjects. **If you or anyone you know are interested in helping with the Advisory Period, please contact Dave Robinson at Willowcreek Middle School at 766-5273 ext. 512.**

The date for our new School/Community Council picture has been set. The date is October 8, 2007, which is the date of our October meeting.

You as members are invited to our staff development, collaboration meetings, as well as teacher PDT days. During these meetings, we will discuss how we can continue to improve and work on unpacking the state core.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 10, 2007  
12:00 - Noon  
WMS Conference Room