

Willowcreek Middle School

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 10, 2008 – 12:00 Noon

Attendance: Danelle Bates, Natalie Clark, Laura Giles, Tani Ireland, Dan Jackman, Leslie Jones, Heidi Moore, Fred Openshaw, Natalie Petersen, Allison Randall, Tom Wiltbank

Special Guest: Jackie Nygaard

Excused: Lisa Hadfield, Dixie Wilson

Group was welcomed by Natalie Petersen. Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

“Go My Access” Discussion—Concerns about the usefulness of the “Go My Access” program and whether to continue to fund it from Trust Lands were brought to attention by the council at the last meeting. In order to have a clear understanding of the program Rachel Adams and Ashley Welling, two English teachers at Willowcreek were invited to lead this discussion. A handout of the pros and cons were handed out and discussed. One of the misconceptions of the program is that it is a generic program however, it was learned that each teacher can make the prompts what they want them to be. Another misleading point is a student’s score is based on past history. For example, if there are two students who enter the exact same essay and write it exactly the same but one doesn’t score as well as the other, the program looks at past history of what each student has done. The English teachers at Willowcreek feel “Go My Access” is a very helpful tool and would like to see students continue to use the program.

Feeder Elementary Discussion—The schedule to visit the feeder elementary School/Community Council was reviewed.

Eagle Valley	March 10	4:00pm
Harvest Hills	March 17	10:00am
Meadow	March 19	4:00pm
Snow Springs	March 27	3:45pm
Saratoga Shores	April 22	12:30pm
Pony Express (PTA)	TBA	

Mr. Openshaw reviewed the Walkaway Powerpoint to the council. This Powerpoint will be presented to each of the elementary School/Community Councils.

Advisory Period—Advisory is working well however, looking forward to next year, there is a new proposal concerning the advisory period. At the PDT day on March 3, Mr. Openshaw presented to have Tuesday be the only day of advisory. Therefore, Monday

would be the normal early-out day, Tuesday would be the shortened classes due to advisory, and then Wednesday thru Friday would be the normal bell schedule with regular class times. The 20 minutes of SSR would be taken care of in the English classes. Advisory or enrichment passes would be handed out the first 10 minutes of class after which, students would be dismissed. This would also allow students to attend more than one teacher per advisory class. Grading would be handled through the office. Students would either have a P for Pass or a NP for Not Pass. Teachers are talking about it now in their house meetings. A general consensus of each house will be reported to the Faculty Council in May. This year, we will continue to run advisory the way it is through the end of the year.

UBSCT Data—The UBSCT data was not available at this meeting. Mr. Openshaw will report on it in the SCC meeting in April if available.

2008-09 SCC Members—The 2008-09 SCC members are as follows:

Two Representatives	Eagle Mountain	Tani Ireland Leslie Jones
Two Representatives	Saratoga Springs	Laura Giles Allison Randall
Two Representatives	Lehi	Heidi Moore Natalie Petersen
One Representative	Cedar Valley Area	Shauna Butler

Trust Land Budget—The estimated Trust Land budget for 2008-09 is \$64,706, with a School Improvement Plan of 2 percent increase in CRT scores. The proposed plan for the Trust Land budget is two more classroom sets of graphing calculators for a cost of \$10,000, \$18,000 to keep the after school Tuesday program running, \$8,000 for the after school Tuesday buses, \$13,000 for the “Go My Access” licenses, and the remaining \$15,700 to be put toward another mobile lab. The Trust Land budget will need to be finalized at our next meeting in April.

Jackie Nygaard—Mr. Nygaard is assisting Utah State University to conduct a research study on School/Community Councils. He needed consent from our SCC members to take a survey over the phone. This will be done within the next couple of weeks.

Items from Council Members—There were no new concerns or items from the council.

Follow-Up Items for the meeting on April 7:

- Solidify the Trust Lands Budget with signatures
- UBSCT Data (if available)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 7, 2008
 12:00 Noon
 WMS Conference Room

Note—Due to Spring Break, our next meeting will be held the first Monday of April rather than the second Monday.