

# Willowcreek Middle School

## School/Community Council Meeting Monday, September 10, 2007 - 12:00 Noon

Attending: Danelle Bates, Natalie Clark, Tani Ireland, Leslie Jones, Heidi Moore, Fred Openshaw, Natalie Petersen, Allison Randall, Dixie Wilson, Tom Wiltbank

Excused: Laura Giles, Lisa Hadfield, Dan Jackman

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

Mr. Openshaw presented the 2006-07 AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) report to the council. He was pleased to report that we made it! The guidelines are set by the Utah State Board Of Education and the No Child Left Behind Act to determine if a school is meeting all necessary requirements. Willowcreek is making great improvements in the right direction. The comparisons between 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as follows:

<i>Language Arts (GOAL=77%)</i>		<b>A Y P</b>	<i>Mathematics (GOAL=71%)</i>	
<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2005-06</b>		<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2005-06</b>
87%	78%		84%	73%

Mr. Openshaw was also pleased to report on the U-PASS (Utah Performance Assessment System for Students) results. The U-PASS legislation requires an annual report of assessments in the state accountability plan. Schools are identified as achieving the State of Level of Performance if the total school overall status is 80% (or greater) or the total school progress is 190 (or greater). In the 2006-07 school year, we achieved both. The U-PASS comparison between 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as follows:

<i>Proficiency</i>			<i>Progress</i>		
	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2005-06</b>		<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2005-06</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	84%	74%	<b>Whole School</b>	208	188
<b>Language Arts</b>	87%	80%	<b>Language Arts</b>	224	195
<b>Mathematics</b>	80%	67%	<b>Mathematics</b>	192	175
<b>Science</b>	75%	62%	<b>Science</b>	209	192

We are making great progress in our academic goals and will continue to make the necessary adjustments for student progress to improve. We had a great year! If you would like more information about our school performance, it is available on the internet at <http://u-pass.schools.utah.gov/u-passweb/>.

SEOP's (Student Educational Occupation Plan) will be starting. 7<sup>th</sup> grade SEOP's will begin on September 24, 8<sup>th</sup> grade will start in January, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade SEOP's will be in April. Watch for a flyer to come home of the designated day and time.

Trustlands Budget—Mr. Openshaw presented a change in the Trustlands Budget. Originally, we

had \$13,000 set aside for *Go My Access* licenses. We received a memo from Alpine School District stating that the State of Utah is funding the *Go My Access* licenses for the 2007-08 school year. The changes which were presented are the following:

- \$6,000 added to Hourly Aide (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Tracker for Guided Study Hall)
- \$6,000 Transportation (After school Tuesday's–Late Busses)
- \$1,000 Technology

The changes to the 2007-08 Trustland Budget were voted on and approved.

This year, Willowcreek is piloting a program for Alpine School District, where the teachers can earn a tenth day. We are calling it Intervention Tuesday's. Each teacher from each department has signed up for one(1) Tuesday per term that they would stay after school to help students with remediation. There is a schedule posted on the front office window to let students know what teacher is staying and what day. There will be a late busses bring those students home. The schedule is also posted on our web site [www.willowcreek.alpinedistrict.org](http://www.willowcreek.alpinedistrict.org). The 9<sup>th</sup> grade UBSCT intervention will also be the same Tuesday to allow for us to use the same late busses.

Advisory Tuesday's and Wednesday's–Mr. Openshaw gave the council an overview on how the Advisory Tuesday's and Wednesday's will work. Every Tuesday and Wednesday, students have an advisory period. It will run from 1:15-2:15. The first 20 minutes, students will have SSR or Silent Sustained Reading. During this time, teachers will pull the report for the students to know who needs to make up I's or F's and who is current. For the students who need remediation, they will go to the class they need help in. For the students who are current, they have the opportunity to attend enrichment classes or activities. Once the report is generated on Tuesday, that is what the student must do both Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. There is a schedule of the activities posted in the office. Teachers are asked to update all grades before they go home on Friday afternoon. If you find there is a teacher not following through with that, please contact Mr. Openshaw.

Items/concerns from the council: Walkaway's–are students just memorizing the test and are they really learning the material? This year teachers were asked to have multiple versions of the same tests they use and encourage students to pass the Walkaway the first time. This is a work in progress and will continue to work these things out as time goes on.

***Next Meeting:***                    **Monday, October 8, 2007**  
**12:00 - Noon**  
**WMS Conference Room**  
**District Training–meeting may go a little longer than**  
**usual**

**New SCC Picture will be taken**