

## WILLOWCREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

### School/Community Council

May 5, 2005 - 9:00 a.m.

Attending: Julie Barnum, Glenda Carson, Lisa Hadfield, Tani Ireland, Fred Openshaw, Alison Randall, Kim Southworth, Julie Wallace, Tom Wiltbank

Last School/Community Council meeting of the 2004-05 school year. A big 'THANK YOU' to Jacque Christensen, Alison Randall and Kim Southworth for serving this year. As a committee we are looking forward to next year with new challenges, additional growth and new committee members.

Trust Land/ School Improvement plan - this year funding was used in the math area. Next year math help will be implemented differently. Help will be offered to students as needed. When students have improved, other student will be identified and help will be offered.

Trust Land/School Improvement plan - next year Willowcreek will implement the 180 reading program. Resource student will be involved and helped with this program. Students will be tested once a month and progress recorded. An activity/homework bus is a project being investigated. Administration is working on a dollar figure with transportation. The increase in gas prices is a concern.

The district proposed Late Start was voted on and secondary schools were in favor but elementary schools were in favor of an Early-out schedule. Monday Early-out Schedule will be implemented for the 2005-06 school year. School will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. on Mondays. Principals are responsible for Monday teacher professional learning communities. School/Community Council members are welcome in the building on Mondays to attend meetings.

Alpine School District is projecting growth at Willowcreek from 1,010 to 1,230 students for the 2005-06 school year. The district is proposing two new junior high schools (housing approximately 1,300 students) and two new high schools (housing approximately 1,500 students). Two pieces of ground located near Micron and Saratoga Springs are possible sites for the new high school. There is a possibility for a bond the fall 2005 elections.

A Gifted & Talented Magnet Unit will be housed at Willowcreek. Math/Science - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade for the 2005-06 school year. Twenty-seven students are enrolled, thru testing held for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for eligibility. The following year 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be served. The Charter school located in our boundary will attend Willowcreek for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Testing will be given to potential Algebra students. Honor classes will be offered for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Junior High Honors Society - the program is being investigated.

Science will be a full-year class for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Willowcreek's Ag classes did well at state competition. F.F.A. students are excited and working hard to qualify for a junior charter. Willowcreek freshmen are competing with high school students at local competitions – and doing very well.

Freshman Commencement - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Night, May 24<sup>th</sup> - recognize freshman students who have successfully completed the year and are on track for high school graduation. The

program will honor 4.0, high honors and honor roll students. Willowcreek's choir will perform and refreshment will be served. Letters will be going home to invited the 166 students on track.

Dance Studio Team - 120 girls tried out for 30 slots. Students were upset and parents were frustrated. They did not feel the competition was handled fairly. There needs to be better communication with teacher and parents. This experience was a great teaching moment for all involved. Willowcreek will offer progressive classes for the 2005-06 year to accommodate the dance team.

Progress is slow at Willowcreek but we are heading forward. School/Community Council members are wanting feedback from parents. This contact is vital for progressive growth at Willowcreek. New goals will be set for the new year with high expectations.

Do we as a council need to meet more than the set schedule? If additional meetings are necessary, everyone was willing to attend. Suggestion was made to list members' names and phone numbers for parental contacts on the web.

Willowcreek's schedule for starting school in August:

August 19	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade only	All eight classes
August 22	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade only	All eight classes
August 23	ALL STUDENTS	'B' day classes

August 15, 2005, School/Community Council summer meeting 9:00 a.m. at Willowcreek. PDD (principal directed days) scheduled for August 16 & 17 - parent involvement is always welcomed at Willowcreek. Mike May, our new assistant principal, is looking forward to school and community involvement.

Team meetings next year will involve 7<sup>th</sup> Grade House, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade House, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade House, CTE Team and Fine Arts Team. Foundation components, philosophical basis for students will cover:

1. Access to knowledge
2. Nurturing pedagogy
3. Stewardship
4. Culturing the young in a democracy

Report cards sent home at the end of each term. This request will be discussed and stamp prices checked. The 'want' and 'need' will be tracked.

Student access to view the web page here at school has been a great tool. At lunch time there is standing room only. The computers are used often. Students can be and are being responsible for performance and grades. Power School web page will be expanded.

Sports - when are various sports offered:

Golf	Extra-mural team (August-October)
Tennis	Intra-mural (Lehi City sponsored program-August)
Track	7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> (end of March-May)
Basketball-Girls'	9 <sup>th</sup> grade (November-March)
Basketball-Boys'	9 <sup>th</sup> grade (November-March)

Parents concerned with busing - students are picked up too early in the mornings. They were encouraged to speak with transportation. Too many students and too few buses.

