

**WILLOWCREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**School/Community Council Meeting**  
**May 8, 2006 - 12:00 Noon**

Attending: Julie Barnum, Ellie Bodily, Glenda Carson, Roberta Catmull, Laura Giles, Lisa Hadfield, Tani Ireland, Leslie Jones, Fred Openshaw, Natalie Petersen, Julie Wallace, Aleta Wilkinson, Tom Wiltbank

Excused: Robert Bean

Julie Barnum welcomed the group and introduced a new member, Leslie Jones. Dan Jackman, a new council member, was not able to attend today's meeting.

Last month's minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Openshaw informed the group of the class activities that are scheduled for Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are going to Lagoon for the day (if they qualify to be Pack Card holders). 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are participating in Character Ed. Workshops here at Willowcreek and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are looking forward to a Mountain Man Rendezvous with several activities stationed east of the school.

Foreign Language is expanding their offerings. Introduction to Foreign Languages, Spanish I and Spanish II are offered at Willowcreek. French I and French II, German I and German II are also being taught. If students are interested in additional classes, Spanish III, French III and German III will be taught at Lehi High School.

Math offerings are also being broadened for the 2006-07 school year. Some student are not ready for advanced math classes and so Math 7<sup>th</sup> is being offered. UTIPS testing reflects math standing for students. Intense elementary Algebra classes will be scheduled for every A-day and B-day in preparation for Pre-Algebra classes. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students failing will be tested for basic competency math. 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who will take Algebra I must be tested to be enrolled. At-risk groups will receive help and support during class time. Their homework will be completed and turned in before they leave class each day.

English Department has added Literature and Journalism to their class offerings. These classes earn elective credit and will not take the place of English credit classes.

Special Education Department will be adding another full-time teacher. The program is growing and Willowcreek is busy making accommodations for these students.

Fine Art or P.E. credit for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students can be earned. 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a full year of P.E. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be enrolled in semester classes. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will have P.E. semester offerings and also semester fitness classes for Fine Arts credit.

Fine Arts program has expanded. There is a high level of interest in drama classes. Drama and Dance are working together for Shakespeare competition at SUU in the fall. A half-time teacher

has been added to the Orchestra program. Band program will offer a Jazz Band class. Choir classes are being structured with additional class offerings.

Business Department changes -- TLC classes, business offerings will be reviewed. Key boarding skills should be taught in elementary school. As classes rotate through the TLC classes, key boarding will be reviewed. 9<sup>th</sup> grade computer tech will increase sections for graduation requirements.

Art Department classes have increased and a half-time teacher has been hired to accommodate the additional offerings. Willowcreek's art department has produced some awesome projects.

Agriculture Program - Farm Mechanics Shop class has been eliminated. Animal Science will be a full-year class and Horticulture will also be a full-year offering.

Science was more structured this school year. Improvement in the Science area should be evident the 2006-07 school year. 7<sup>th</sup> grade student will be schedule for a full year of science to accommodate curriculum requirements.

Pre-testing in all core areas will take place at the beginning of the school year. Tests will be given again before Christmas break. At the end of each term, common assessments will be gathered for data evaluation. CRT Pre-tests will be given in February.

Inter-murals will involve after-school activities such as cross country, golf, tennis and volleyball. Academic requirements are attached to these inter-mural activities. Lunch time activities will continue to be offered at Willowcreek.

Julie Wallace was honored for serving on the Willowcreek Middle School School/Community Council as President the 2004-05 school year. She was amazing, well organized, represented our board at the district level and was extremely helpful with Willowcreek's dedication .

Julie Barnum was honored for serving on the Willowcreek Middle School/Community Council as President the 2005-06 school year. She was eager to learn and wanted to help Willowcreek go forward. She attended training to better understand the process and create a wonderful learning environment for Willowcreek students. We thank these outstanding ladies for their dedication.

Leslie Jones will be a new board member for the 2006-07 school year. She's excited to get involved with the happenings at Willowcreek. Dan Jackman, a single dad, will also serve on the board. He's very involved with his own children and willing to work on behalf of all children attending this school.

Meeting schedule for next year: Second Monday of each month, except the month of December, is scheduled. The meetings will begin at 12:00 Noon. The first kickoff meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2006.