

**WILLOWCREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**School/Community Council Meeting**  
**April 10, 2006 - Noon**

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

Excused: Laura Giles

Julie Barnum welcomed the group and let us know the names of the new members that will join the council for the 2006-07 school year. The new members are Dan Jackman and Leslie Jones.

Mrs. Barnum reported on the community meeting held at Lehi High School on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on the bonding to build a new high school in the Lehi area and also an additional junior high building was on the agenda. Board member Donna Barnes is concerned with the rapid growth in the area. Saratoga Springs is the site for the new high school. This site has not received final approval. Council members were encouraged to acquaint themselves with the issues at hand and respond by e-mail to our board member.

Concerns regarding the need for an acceptable field for sports at Lehi High School was discussed. Limited green space and upgrade of existing space are important items and need considerable attention. Again, speak out and let your thoughts be heard. The overall feeling at the meeting was very favorable. The citizens were very respectful.

Trust Lands application is due April 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Openshaw quickly reviewed last year's application and tied it in with requests for the 2006-07 school year. The Read 180 program increased student achievement by 87 points. Before the end of this school year, 100 point increase is anticipated. The Read 180 program helped strengthen WMS report on 'No Child Left Behind'. Additional software and rights to read the scores was purchased for \$15,000 which gives us the ability to test all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2006-07 year. The Vantage program cost \$2,500 and this new writing program is beneficial to students. Their writing papers are graded and corrected quickly which allows the teacher to be a support for the students and not a critic.

The approximate dollar figure for the 2006-07 Trust Lands is \$33,850. Last year's budget was \$26,078. A Math/Science mobile lab is requested on this year's application which will benefit all students at Willowcreek. Over the next two years, a 5% increase in student scores is anticipated. Continuing to improve student scores is our goal. Understanding for students and learning how to read scores will be a beneficial result from these newly implemented programs. Julie Wallace approved the Trust Lands grant as outlined for the 2006-07 school year and Robert Bean seconded. It passed unanimously.

The council is pleased with the progress from last year's Trust Lands monies and looking forward to the progress made for the 2006-07 school year with the addition of a new Math/Science mobile lab. The importance of reaching goals and watching the students benefit from the

implemented programs is wonderful to watch. Mr. Openshaw's insight building programs one at a time is greatly appreciated. Willowcreek Middle School students have the opportunity to receive an exceptional education if they so choose.

New calculators have been purchased for the Math department.

Immigration concerns – Mrs. Ungricht is actively dealing with issues in her debate class to help students understand the issues and also to defuse the situation. There is very little contention here at Willowcreek.

Kudos for the history teacher and UTIPS being implemented into the power school program.

NEXT MEETING:	May 8, 2006
	12:00 Noon
	Farewell Luncheon