

CAC Minutes – September 17, 2007

Next CAC meeting: Monday, October 15 at the Board of Education Building 7:30.

Please advise Garn Anderson, Christie Wiedt, or Gina Wittenberg in advance if you will be unable to attend the meeting.

Attendees (14): Christie Wiedt (presiding), Dr. Dan Keenan (Superintendent), Tom Mays (Board of Education), Chris Bauer, Jayne Hoon, Troy Miller, Cecilia Stineman, Gina Wittenberg, Karen Seawall, John Doucette, Richard Helzel

Absent with notice:

Garn Anderson, Judy Friedman, Jim Matousek, Alex Pandrangi

Absent without notice:

Sandra Hazners, Dan Walsh, Samantha Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Christie Wiedt at 7:40 p.m. Garn is out of town on business.

Approval of Minutes

The August 20 meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Superintendent's Report by Dr. Dan Keenan

- Facilities
 - The projects which were begun during the summer have been completed – new roof at Holly Lane, upgrade to science labs at WHS.
 - Repair work is being done to the library at Hilliard Elementary due to damage caused by flooding. The library remains operational during the repair.
- Technology
 - The technology upgrades begun over the summer are complete.
 - The POS systems have been integrated into all of the lunch rooms resulting in reduced wait times for students. Other features of the system, such as parental choice and monitoring of student selections, may be phased in over time.
- Other
 - Building Open Houses have been well-attended. That process wraps up on September 19.
 - Four members of the 2008 WHS Senior Class have been named National Merit Semi-Finalists.

Board of Education Report by Tom Mays for Renee Wargo

- The Board has received a good deal of positive feedback from the community about Dr. Keenan. The community sentiment is seconded by the Board.
- Tom provided an overview of the ballot issue concerning the Bradley Road property. The hearing before the Board of Elections to determine if the issue could be placed on the November ballot had been scheduled for today but has been rescheduled for next Monday, 9/24. Tom again expressed the Board's desire for a positive result for all involved to achieve the greatest benefit for Westlake's kids.
- A meeting with the Red Brick Center for the Arts group which was scheduled for today has been rescheduled for 9/24 @ 4:00 pm. Dr. Keenan, Mark Pepera, Renee Wargo, and Tom Mays plan to meet with the group.

Chamber of Commerce Report (John Doucette)

- The Education Committee is coordinating with WHS Guidance to better publicize their scholarship program.

2007/2008 Study Topics

- Tom Mays excused himself from the remainder of the meeting so that the group could hash out the project proposals for this year.
- Garn distributed a revised list of proposed study topics via email. (attached) To best use the resources of the CAC, the projects tied to the Bradley Road property have been taken off of the list for this year.

- The group reviewed the list and discussed how the CAC might best contribute to each project.
- Dr. Keenan will present the following list of proposed projects at the Board meeting on 9/24.
 - CAC Feedback Process (Garn, Judy Friedman)
 - Curriculum for the 21st Century (TBD)
 - Gifted/Honors/AP/PSEO Programs (Jayne Hoon, Rich Helzel)
 - Funding Alternatives (Troy Miller, John Doucette)
 - Safety at School Events – Adult Volunteers/Accountability/Transportation (Christie Wiedt, Karen Seawall)
 - Effectiveness of Communication between Home, School, Community (Gina Wittenberg, Chris Bauer, Cecilia Steinman)
- Christie and Garn will follow up to complete subcommittee assignments for those not present at the meeting.
- Subcommittees should select a project coordinator and be prepared to present their general topic ideas at the next CAC meeting.

Old Business

- Still looking for alternate CAC members. John Doucette suggested that we approach the Westlake Parent Connection (WPC) to fill an alternate slot while the details of the WPC rep position that was discussed at the last meeting are ironed out.
- Religious Community Rep - Two members of the Westlake Ministerial Forum are considering a rotating assignment for this year. Garn is following up.
- CAC By-Law Review – No update.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jayne Hoon and seconded by Troy Miller. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Gina Wittenberg

Corrections/missing items/amendments may be made during the next meeting as needed.