

Comm Council Minutes September 13, 2023

In Attendance – James Judd, Kathryn North, Erin Sabey, Miranda Taylor, Rebecca Tibbits, Yuri Jenson, Lindsie Luke, Jennifer Potter, Anna White, Janalee Dorrity

Absent – Catherin Dalton, Dena Blood, Aaron Cheatwood, Jennifer Larsen, Alicia Talsma

After welcoming and getting to know everyone, Mr. Judd mentioned that we need to elect a chair and a vice-chair for this year. Erin Sabey made a motion to nominate Rebecca Tibbits for chair, Miranda Taylor seconded it and all in attendance agreed. Then Rebecca Tibbits nominated Erin Sabey for vice chair, Jennifer Potter seconded it and all in attendance agreed.

Jim then went over our mission statement, which is: “All Highlanders achieve at high levels” and “All Highlanders prepared to excel at WHS.” Then he reviewed our goals, which are “80% of non-impacted students are proficient on RISE testing” and “all incoming students that passed RISE testing last year will pass this year.”

Jim showed graphs that manifested Timpanogos Middle School has improved every year in math, science and English. It also shows that we are above the state average in each subject as well. When we were compared with 21 other schools of similar size and student population, it showed that we moved up every year. In 2023 we were 4th in English and 6th in math and science. In a Salt Lake Tribune article, there was only 1 school district that showed growth during the Covid pandemic and that was Wasatch School District.

Mr. Judd then went over our Plan for Success. It includes unit planning, climb form (shows if students learned the concepts taught), shield time (students can receive extra help in needed areas) and our community liaison – Yuri Jenson.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 2, 2023.

Comm Council Minutes November 2, 2023

In Attendance – James Judd, Kathryn North, Erin Sabey, Miranda Taylor, Jennifer Potter, Dena Blood

Absent – Catherin Dalton, Aaron Cheatwood, Jennifer Larsen, Alicia Talsma, Rebecca Tibbits, Yuri Jenson, Lindsie Luke, Anna White, Janalee Dorrity

The Sept 13, 2023 minutes were approved and all in attendance agreed.

Jim talked about our attendance and behavior data and compared this year to last year. So far this year, our average school attendance is 92.76% which is up from last year. The average attendance last year was 90.47%. The number of tardies have unfortunately gone up for all grades since last year with most of them occurring during 1st period. The total number of office referrals have gone up slightly since last year with 8th grade having the most. Most referrals are for skipping classes with being disrespectful and harassing others following after. The total number of students being pulled for shield 9 times or more has gone up since last year from 23 to 34.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2024.

Comm Council Minutes Jan 11, 2024

In Attendance – James Judd, Erin Sabey, Miranda Taylor, Jennifer Potter, Dena Blood, Aaron Cheatwood, Jennifer Larsen, Yuri Jenson, Lindsie Luke, Anna White, Janalee Dorrity

Absent – Catherin Dalton, Alicia Talsma, Rebecca Tibbits, Kathryn North

Aaron Cheatwood made a motion to approve the Nov 2, 2023 minutes and Dena Blood seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

Jim started off by saying that the counselors have developed a way to track a lot of student data which has been very useful. He then turned the time over to Lindsie Luke in the counseling department. Lindsie talked about how the students can scan a QR code if they would like to be called down. The counselors had 672 appointments between Sept and December. They have started a new procedure that if students are suspended, they have to talk to a counselor before they come back. Some of the other programs counselors are doing are:

- Running shield classes where they focus on friendships, self awareness, play games, etc.
- PBIS rewards for no tardies, 4.0's, honor roll/on a roll
- Teaching lessons in classes such as high school prep, suicide prevention, stress management, resiliency, etc.
- Help students overcome barriers like non English speaking students, learning disabilities, health problems or issues at home.

Jim talked for a few minutes about the governor's request regarding students not having cell phones in the classroom and asked others opinions on this topic. It was agreed that it would be very difficult to police and there would be parents upset about their students not having cell phones. Jim said he felt like we really need to address the physical and emotional well being of the students and how it would be helpful, in doing this, to have more counselors.

Jim then talked briefly on the fact that we would be approving the school land trust plan during our next meeting. He reviewed that all of our money goes towards 2 aides, our community liaison (Yuri Jenson), and Teaching Tuesdays for our teachers.

It was decided that our next meeting will be held March 28, 2024.

Jennifer Potter made a motion to adjourn and Aaron Cheatwood seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

Comm Council Minutes Mar 28, 2024

In Attendance – James Judd, Rebecca Tibbits, Miranda Taylor, Dena Blood, Jennifer Larsen, Yuri Jenson, Jennifer Potter, Lindsie Luke, Anna White, Janalee Dorrity

Absent – Catherin Dalton, Alicia Talsma, Kathryn North , Erin Sabey, Aaron Cheatwood

Anna White made a motion to approve the Jan 11, 2024 minutes and Jennifer Potter seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

Mr. Judd talked about how Timpanogos Middle School was recognized as a model PLC school. TMS has been working on this for 3 years and is very proud of this accomplishment. There are only 2 middle schools in Utah that have received this award and only 14 in the United States.

Jim then talked about our School Land Trust Plan for the 2024-25 school year. There are currently 3 goals which, 2 of those goals will be on next year's plan. The first one is, "show growth of reading lexiles as measured by the Reading Inventory. (Academic Areas/Subgroups) The 2nd goal is "80% of non-impacted students will be proficient on RISE tests." The 3rd goal was "improve relationships between parents and school" but will be rewritten to show a more academic focused goal. The money we receive from school land trust mainly goes towards salaries for a teacher and 2 aides which help implement these goals. The remainder of the money goes toward teacher trainings and intervention. Jim mentioned that everyone should be receiving an email within the next month to approve the new School Land Trust Plan.

There was an interest from a parent in going over the library policy. Jim brought up the district library policy which is found on the TMS website. There are also links on the website if someone would like to have a book reviewed, serve on a committee or request an appeal.

It was decided that the next community council meeting will be May 2nd at 2:45 pm.

Jennifer Potter made a motion to adjourn and Anna White seconded it. All in attendance agreed.