

TMS Community Council Minutes
January 16, 2025

In Attendance: Jim Judd, Miranda Taylor, Dena Blood, Wesley Mangum, Janalee Dorrity
Absent: Kathryn North, Erin Sabey, Jennifer Potter

Dena Blood made a motion to approve the Nov 2024 minutes and Miranda Taylor seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

Jim went over data and first talked about absences so far this year. The number of absences are about the same as last year. Tardies have gone down significantly this year, more than likely due to having a 2nd vice principal. The two vice principals have been able to focus more on 1st period tardies, which were not counted in the past. Lunch detentions are up this year because they are enforcing the tardy policy. Behavior Incidents have gone up slightly from last year.

Shield Data – More students are getting pulled for shield because teachers are making the use of shield more intentional this year. Students are called to classes if they have missing assignments or low grades instead of having a non-productive period.

We have had very few problems with students having their phones out during class, the lockboxes have been very successful.

The number of hispanic students with a 4.0 GPA or who have made the honor roll have increased since last year with the help of our Family and Community Engagement Coordinator – Yuri Jensen.

Jim then talked about our new Smart Pass system. The Smart Pass was utilized with safety in mind. The safest place for a student is in the class with a teacher. The safety of students goes down and misbehavior goes up when they are less supervised. For example – lunch, before/after school or hallways between classes are the times we have the most behavior problems. Students now have to create an electronic pass on their ipads if they need to go to bathroom, get a drink, see the nurse, see a counselor, etc. The system allows students a set amount of time to do these activities and the system tracks how much time students are out of class, if they are continually meeting other students, etc. It also limits the amount of students in the hallway at the same time. Since implementing this program, we've had no vandalism in the bathrooms and students seem to be out of their classrooms less.

Our next community council meeting is scheduled on March 20th. During this meeting we will need to discuss the School Land Trust program for next year.

Dena Blood made a motion to adjourn and Miranda Taylor seconded it.