

Timpanogos Middle School  
Community Council Minutes  
Sept 12, 2024

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

Jim Judd talked a little bit about the school land trust training videos and how one of the items we need to take care of is to elect a chair and a vice chair. Erin Sabey nominated Kathryn North to be the chair and Dena Blood seconded it. Then Erin nominated Miranda Taylor for vice-chair and Dena seconded it. Everyone in attendance agreed on both nominations.

Jim then talked about how one of the main functions of community council is to decide how to spend school trust land money, which is income that is generated from state owned land. This year we expect to receive approximately \$170,000.00. The money we receive goes towards supporting our goal, which is: 80% of non impacted students will achieve proficiency on RISE and all students who were proficient last year will continue to be proficient.

Some of the action plans that support this goal are:

#1 - All teachers will develop and publish common unit plans with help from our instructional coaches. \$22,000.00 is allocated toward a library aide, which will give Hadly Bingham the time necessary to be an instructional coach.

#2 – The school will facilitate an MTSS to provide needed support to each teacher. \$22,000.00 will go toward a paraprofessional who will coordinate and manage the intervention program. We are also focusing on making the invention system and house system a way for students to have fun as well.

#3 – \$105,000.00 goes toward a family and community engagement coordinator which, at TMS, is Estefanya (Yuri) Jenson.

#4 - \$18,487 is for a leadership team (Guiding Coalition) that will oversee all aspects of the school improvement plan.

Jim also went over our mission statement which is: all students achieve at high levels and all students are prepared to excel at WHS.

Jim then talked about the launch of the “Education Elevated” campaign that the district has initiated. This is a celebration of outstanding achievement in improving student performance throughout the district. In less than a decade, WCSD has become one of the highest achieving school districts in the state. Last year we earned the #1 spot in language arts, #3 in math and #7 in science proficiency.

A parent asked how the new phone policy is going so far. Jim said it has been very successful with very few phones having to be taken away.

The council decided that our next meetings will be scheduled on November 14<sup>th</sup>, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> if needed.

Dena Blood made a motion to adjourn and Jennifer Potter seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

Timpanogos Middle School  
Community Council Minutes  
November 14, 2024

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

Dena Blood made a motion to approve the Sept minutes and Jennifer Potter seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

Mr. Judd went over the attendance data. We are at approximately 92% average attendance for the year, which is very similar to the last few years.

He then talked about tardies. He wants students to realize that it's important to be in their seat and ready to learn when the bell rings. The total tardies for term 1 is 3375 compared to last year, which was 5370. We are counting 1<sup>st</sup> period tardies this year, which we didn't last year, so Jim is very happy that the number of tardies have gone down. Tardies have gone down overall the last couple of years since TMS has been focusing on encouraging students to be on time.

Lunch Detentions are up a little this year. There have been 159 lunch detentions compared to last year, which was 103. Part of the reason is that we're including 1<sup>st</sup> period tardies this year. If students have 3 or more tardies in a week, they have to go to lunch detention.

Jim then went over the behavior data. There have been 119 behavior offenses, which is about 10% of the students. This is approximately the same as last year.

Mr. Judd then talked about the Shield data. TMS has been trying, this year, to make Shield more beneficial. Therefore, teachers are pulling more students to come to their class if they have missing assignments, low grades, or any other needs. TMS has decided to be more intentional where students are going and not just letting them attend fun, non-beneficial Shields. There have been 242 students who have been assigned to a Shield 9 or more times, which has gone up quite a bit from last year.

Our next community council meeting will be Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Jennifer Potter made a motion to adjourn and Dena Blood seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> vice principal. The two vice principals have been able to focus more on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.