

Timpanogos Middle School  
Community Council Minutes  
Jan 13, 2026

In attendance: Jim Judd, Jaime Runyan, Kathryn North, Erin Sabey, Charlotte Friedman, Janalee Dorrity

Absent: Lauren Melton, Wendy Spencer

Jaime Runyan made a motion to approve the October minutes and Charlotte seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

Jim talked about the 3 tiers of instruction. Tier 1 is the initial teaching and the majority of kids should be able to understand the concept. If the majority of kids don't understand, then the teacher knows there is a problem with teaching or content. Tier 2 is the group that didn't understand and they get additional instruction through shield. Jim then showed a video explaining how shield works. Basically, teachers identify which students need extra help and then they sign them up for their class during shield. If a teacher hasn't called them into their class, students can sign up for a shield of their choice. It was asked if parents can see what subjects the students are being pulled in to during shield. Jim said it would be up to the student to show their parents. Tier 3 are kids that are extremely low due to learning disabilities or are non proficient in English, etc. These students are in specialized classes.

Jim then went on to talk about the Connection Factor which is where teachers or counselors try to connect with students who are really behind or struggling with various issues. It was shown that the number of students who need to connect with someone has gone down due to the success of the program.

Kathryn made a motion to adjourn and Jaime seconded it.

The next meeting will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 pm.