

TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 6, 2009

In attendance: Mark Shurtliff, Stacey Edgington, Caroline Thorne, Jennifer Lewis, Lyn Denna, Janessa Millett, Michelle Teng, Taylor Allen, Theron Murphy, Aaron Barth, Michael Larson, Jaynann Brown, Cindy Henderson, and Kris Caldwell

**Minute Approval**

Aaron made a motion to approve the December 9, 2008 minutes. Stacey seconded the motion and they were approved by the council as written. Minutes will be sent to Theron and Mark for approval. After their approval, they will be sent to all council members. All members should then review the minutes within two days of receipt and send any changes to Carolyn. Changes will be made to minutes and published to web-site.

**School Improvement Updates**

**CTE - Business**

Kris Caldwell presented to the council in behalf of the CTE department. She explained that their department did not take advantage of the summer grant monies because their department is well funded through other sources. She felt that the greatest area of need for their department is academic challenges. They are in need of tutorial remediation time. Kris felt it would be beneficial for the students to begin remediation before the students fail rather than waiting until after they fail and then implementing helps. Because much of the work students do in CTE needs to be completed in computer labs, they would like to have more lab time to assist students. If they had more time with students, teachers would be able to remediate earlier. There just isn't enough time after school. She also expressed concern that students who are failing have the attitude that if they fail they can go to East Shore. She did however, point out that she had a student who decided to go to East Shore, but returned because it was more difficult than anticipated. Kris was excused from the meeting.

**Latinos in Action**

Jaynann Brown represented foreign language as well as ESL. The goal of Latinos in Action is to help the ESL population excel and feel a part of the school. Latinos in Action which is funded partly by Land Trust monies is making a big difference in the lives of Latino students. Jose Enrique (who is the founder of Latinos in Action in the district) obtained a grant that is funding the bussing for student projects. It is uncertain whether or not this grant will continue in future years so there may be a need for bussing money in the future. In addition to busses, they also need funds for materials, conference fees, as well as shirts. Last year the student paid for their own shirts, but Jaynann thought it would be helpful to the families if shirts were also included in the grant.

*Theron reminded everyone that forms will soon be available to request funds from Land Trust monies. The form will ask for the amount requested as well as detail about reason for the request and how students will be helped with the money.*

Jaynann explained that there are currently 18 students in her Latinos in Action class. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to continue with the class. They hope to raise the criteria as students become more interested in participating with the group. Jaynann talked about the students and some of the challenges they face. She gave the example of one of her students who wasn't very interested in graduating from high school. Jaynann has noticed a change in this student's attitude and a desire to continue her education after high school since she has been involved with LIA. One of the goals of LIA are to give the students a sense of importance and belonging through group activities. It is important that they feel they have a purpose. LIA also motivates to keep their grades up. The students currently tutor younger students at local elementary schools. This service project not only helps the children they tutor, but makes the LIA students have a sense of purpose and a feeling that they are giving back to the community as they become role models to younger students. Another project LIA participated in was interpreting for parent teacher conference. They placed phone calls to Latino families inviting them to the conference. Once parents arrived at the conference they were greeted and helped with interpreting. They also helped set up the Latin American Festival in Provo as a service project. Jaynann hopes that the group will continue to grow and become more prestigious so that many students will want to apply and participate. She hopes to be able to set up a mentoring/tutoring program between LIA student and their at risk peers as well as participate in more community and service projects. They hope to capitalize on the good experiences the students have to build the program. Students have a need to tell their stories and to encourage others to be part of the program. The council thanked Jaynann for the difference she is making in the lives of Latino students. Jaynann was excused from the meeting.

### **Stakeholders Report**

Lyn distributed copies of the Stakeholder Report to the council and asked them to carefully review the contents. She wants to be sure that it communicates the information correctly and it is understandable, accurate and interesting. Council members were asked to review and recommend changes. Ten copies need to be sent to the district by Friday. A copy will then be sent to each patron.

### **Principal's Report**

Theron reported that SST interventions would be implemented second semester. There are 115 seniors who are deficit in credit; 53 of them by more than 3 credits. The Student Success Team has a goal that every student graduates and has a vision that they can continue their education after high school. In order for all students to succeed, interventions are a must. Students are being systematically placed in classes they need to

be in to be successful. In many cases, these students are being taken out of classes they want to be in and placed in classes they need to be in. The team is also looking at Channel 1 time that could possibly be used for remediation.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Lyn made a motion to adjourn; Mark seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned until February 10, 2:30 p.m., in the administrative conference room.