

TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 14, 2008

In attendance: Mark Shurtliff, Stacey Edgington, Kris Bentley, Kay Thomas, Jennifer Lewis, Lyn Denna, Mike Larson, Diane Wanamaker, Carrie Whitney, Theron Murphy, Michelle Teng, and Taylor Allen. Kori Crampton and Cathy Keller were excused.

**Introduction of Students**

Mark welcomed the recently appointed student representatives. Each council member introduced themselves to the students and Kris introduced the student representatives in attendance to the council.

Michelle Teng is a senior at Timpanogos High School. She loves to play guitar in her free time. Music is her escape from the stresses of life. Michelle is the manager for the football team and loves it. She said she wouldn't trade her time with the team for anything. She has danced for 11 years and has had the honor to dance in the Olympic program Light of the World. She is the youngest of four children. She is also in love with BYU athletics! She has season tickets to BYU basketball and football and definitely bleeds blue.

Taylor Allen is a junior this year at Timpanogos. He currently works at the Scooter Lounge in Orem. He loves the work and the people there. He has a variety of interests which include welding, falconry, mechanics, running, biking, camping, hiking, fishing, hunting and reading. Taylor is considering going to Europe as an exchange student for his first year of college. He would like to start a business someday, although he isn't quite sure what kind. He is looking towards the future with excitement of all the different possibilities.

It was noted that Jenessa Millett who was unable to be in attendance at today's meeting will also serve as a student representative.

Mr. Murphy thanked the students for making the commitment to serve on the council and stressed the value to the council of having student input.

Kris said it was a hard assignment to choose just three representatives from those that applied as all applicants were very qualified. The goal of the committee was to choose students who had mature understanding and would express their views. They feel that the students they have chosen will do an excellent job representing their peers.

Mr. Shurtliff emphasized that all community council discussions are public. Any private issues regarding staff or personnel should be addressed personally to Mr. Murphy.

### **Performance Summary**

Mark asked Diane Wanamaker and Carrie Whitney to review a performance summary of Timpanogos High School with the council. Carrie is a counselor and Diane is the school's data specialist. Mark pointed out that one of the responsibilities of the School Community Council is to develop a school improvement plan and use Land Trust monies to fund the greatest areas of need. Data has been completed to show the school's greatest academic needs. Diane presented a summary and highlights of testing data.

Carrie then presented data about graduation rates. The council discussed the breakdown of students in each area. She explained that number of students graduating has decreased over the years. She felt we are moving in the right direction as a whole but there are still many areas that need improvement.

Carrie also explained Adequate Yearly Progress. Next year's goals are 82% for language and 72% for math.

### **Student Success Team (SST)**

The current focus of the SST team is to assess what THS offers (interventions) to students who need extra support and help. Before adding additional interventions, counselors and administrators are defining the current interventions, setting criteria for placement in the interventions, and then making an effort to be able place students in a timely manner that meet the criteria. An effort will also be made to ensure that the interventions (i.e. – math and English tutorial, Why Try, sheltered English, ELL, math and English UBSCT Remediation classes, and summer UBSCT classes) are producing the desired results. The SST team meets weekly and has made a collective commitment to further develop a successful “pyramid of interventions.”

The counseling team as well as Diane Wanamaker and John Broadhead will be attending a “pyramid of interventions” conference in Chicago in November. They hope to bring back “one idea” to propose to instructional leaders that will further assist in helping students who need additional time and support -- looking particularly at interventions that can take place during the school day.

Kris asked if the new tracker, Maria Aguayo, the SCC had funded is helping. Diane explained that she is assisting in the sheltered English class as well as Latinos in Action. She also tracks Latino students as well as other students who do not speak English. She has a good rapport with the students and they seem to like her. Maria will be asked to report directly to the council later into the school year.

### **Land Trust Balance**

Mr. Murphy asked that the report on land trust balance be tabled until next meeting. Mr. Murphy briefly reported that the allocation for this year was estimated at \$62,250. The actual allocation was \$66,293 and the carryover from last year was \$9,735 making the total balance \$75,928.

### **Stakeholder's Report**

A Stakeholder's report is more or less a "State of the Union," or the "Academic State of Timpanogos." The report will be sent out to all stakeholders – (i.e. – parents, students, faculty and staff). It is also a public relations tool that will be used to highlight the many accomplishments (individual and team). Mike Larson and Lynn Denna presented a list of possible data and subject matter for the Stakeholder's Report. They showed possible formats for the report and asked for input from the council. They also have welcomed input from faculty members. The council agreed that academic as well as a short section on extra-curricular data should be included with an emphasis on academics. Michelle suggested that clubs be recognized too. The Stakeholder's Report will be sent out some time in November.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Theron reported that he has spoken with several parents who are concerned about the venue of school dances. Homecoming was held at Talon's Cove and prom is scheduled for Wells Fargo in Salt Lake City. There is concern about students driving so far to attend a dance. He realizes that students like to find new locations but safety needs to be first. Stacey asked if there were district guidelines as students feel pressure to come up with a good place. Mike felt that it was a risk, but a worthwhile risk. Students love the different locations. He felt that limiting options is a little narrow minded as accidents also happen close to home.

### **AP Certification**

Mark presented the applications for AP Certification grants. Kori Crampton's request for \$175 was discussed. Lyn made a motion to approve her request and the council unanimously approved her grant. It was decided that Megan Inouye's request to attend a Statistics conference be resubmitted under the "in-service" category. Mark will send an e-mail to all teachers inviting everyone the opportunity to apply for the available \$2000.00 set aside for teacher "in-service" opportunities.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Mark expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of UTIPS. He said teachers as well as students are frustrated with the problem. UTIPS has been unresponsive to teachers. He would like to address the company that runs UTIPS.

Kay expressed gratitude to Mr. Murphy for all he has done for the school. She said everyone is thrilled to have him back.

Mr. Murphy expressed thanks to the council and said he hopes to help make a great school even better.

Kay made a motion to dismiss.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – November 11, 2:30 p.m.