

TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 11, 2008

In attendance: Mark Shurtliff, Stacey Edgington, Kris Bentley, Kay Thomas, Jennifer Lewis, Lyn Denna, Caroline Thorne, Janessa Millett, Michelle Teng, Taylor Allen, Theron Murphy, Kori Crampton, Aaron Barth and Cathy Keller

Survey

Michael Nagro presented information about a national survey he would like to conduct at THS. The survey is sponsored by the University of Michigan. It involves 150 high schools dealing with not only academic issues but social issues such as drugs and alcohol use, attitudes of students, and teacher perceptions. He felt the results of the survey would be beneficial and useful to see how other schools as well as THS fit in nationally. The survey is anonymous and administered by a team from the University. The English teachers would like to do the survey after AP testing has been completed. Other than being included in national results, information specific to THS will only be shared with our school. They are hoping to do it after AP testing. He asked if the council felt it would be valuable. Survey will be conducted through English classes. The council approved the survey.

AP Certification

Liz Darger from the counseling department explained AP certification. She explained that there is an AP audit conducted by colleges. High school AP classes must meet certain requirements to be classified as AP classes. AP class qualification has everything to do with curriculum not with qualification or degrees of the teacher. There is no such thing as an "AP qualified teacher." However, teachers are encouraged to improve their skills through classes and workshops. It is recommended that a new AP teacher use the curriculum of a previous teacher. An AP high school ledger is sent to each college so they know the classes being taught have met qualifications. All of the AP classes taught at THS have passed the audit.

Liz said THS offers about half the AP classes that are available, but THS has about the same number as offered by high schools of similar size. They are always interested in adding more classes if there is student interest.

Kris noted that while the AP board does not have qualifications for teachers to teach AP classes, the state board of education does. So, the money allocated for AP certification is so teachers can take classes to meet state requirements to teach additional AP classes.

Minute Approval

Everyone was asked to review the minutes prior to each meeting. Mark made a motion to approve October's minutes as written. Kris seconded the motion. SCC minutes can be accessed on-line under School Community Council.

In-Service Applications

Applications for In-Service conferences were presented. Rose Mary Lindberg asked for \$339 to a conference about motivating students. The tuition for the conference is \$199. Other monies asked for are for expenses.

Megan Inouye submitted an application for \$1000 to attend a summer institute in Nevada to learn more about teaching AP Statistics. The costs of the institute is \$600. The remaining \$400 is for trip costs.

It was decided that both teachers would be granted the cost of tuition. Jennifer Lewis will talk with the applicants to further clarify additional costs and present to the council for a later decision.

Land Trust Budget

This school year's land trust budget was reviewed by Kris Bently. A general summary of this year's land trust allocations is attached to the end of this document. Please visit with a member of the SCC or Theron if you have questions. It was noted that there are monies that were allocated for certain purposes that have not been paid out. Kris suggested that the council outline decisions and priorities by the beginning of the year so that teachers may have the opportunity to give input. She showed and explained the request form that she proposed teachers use. She also suggested that teachers make the council aware of their most pressing needs. Next year they hope to have a deadline for requests so that council will be aware of needs earlier. If a teacher does not return the next year, the new teacher will more easily be able to continue what was started. Caroline suggested that the wording be carefully chosen for next year's expenditures so that if there were monies not used, they would be able to be used for something else rather than losing the funds. It was suggested that a link be added to the web-site so council members as well as patrons could have access to the budget.

The council discussed guidelines for hotels, food, transportation, etc. for teachers that apply for out of town conference monies. It was suggested that they apply and request for each conference as costs would have to be determined by where the conference was being held.

School Improvement Plan

Mark would like to have departments present to the council concerning their needs and wishes as they pertain to our greatest area of need. These presentations are scheduled beginning next month. Mark gave a copy of the calendaring guide to each member mapping out the year's council meetings. It was stressed that the greatest area of need should be identified before the council hears proposals on needs. English is scheduled to present in December. There was concern that without additional meetings time would be very limited for all departments to present. Some members felt every department should be given the opportunity to present. Theron explained that since monies will be awarded according to the school's greatest area of need, we will most likely need to hear from Math, Science, and English. However, all departmental teams are encouraged to see how they might help in addressing our school's greatest area of need. An e-mail directed to instructional leaders will be sent within the next week indicating the greatest area of need as determined by the School Community Council. He also suggested that the greatest area of need be identified by the next meeting. The subcommittee will be meeting and will have needs identified by the December 9 meeting.

Principal's Report

Theron updated the council on the status of events of interest at the school. He feels that building a bridge between school and community is essential at this point. Patrons and the community need to be involved in decisions at THS in a positive way.

Caroline made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned until December 9, 2008.

LAND Trust SIP Budget 2008 - 2009

Action Step #	Description	Amount
1	UBSCT Summer Remediation	\$3,100
2	Reading Tutoring	\$9,700
3	Math Tutoring	\$5,700
4	Leveled Reading Library Materials	\$2,000
5	In-service Opportunities	\$2,500
6	Understanding by Design curriculum	\$11,000
7	Summer Collaboration Opportunities	\$6,000

8	ACT prep - Kaplan	\$8,750
9	Tracker for At-Risk students	\$7,000
10	AP teacher Certification	\$2,000
11	Latinos in Action	\$4,500
	Total	\$62,250