

Timpview School Community Council
Meeting Notes
Oct 8, 2020

In attendance: Melanie Lundberg, Nate Bryson, Jennie Blum, Travis Reynolds, Fidel Montero, Tupou Tua'one, Paige Benjamin, Rachelle Carter, Todd Bergeson (zoom), Momi Tu'ua, Linda Gallagher, Katie Geary

1. Welcome: Melanie Lundberg
2. Election of a Chair- Council

Paige proposed that Melanie Lundberg be named as Chair of this council. Jennie seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Melanie proposed that Jessica Leauanae be named Vice Chair of this council. Paige seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Request for Funding (Library)- Linda Gallagher

The library currently houses 6779 titles (av. 3.1/ student). Linda is recommending increasing that to 12,000 titles. Many of the non fiction books currently on the shelves contain irrelevant information or are not in line with student interest. Linda would like to focus on books that have greater appeal.

Linda is requesting \$15k per year for the next few years to build the library inventory. The district allocation is currently \$4500.

Todd Bergeson has a potential connection to a bulk book buying company that resells books at high discounts and then sends the remaining books for destruction. He will contact them to see if there is a possibility of having the extra books sent to Timpview instead. He will follow up.

4. Bond/ Construction update- Nate Bryson

The District will be asking for \$80 million in bonded money on the November ballot. If the bond fails, the board will take out a lease revenue bond (loan against the equity in the building). Either option will have a 20 year term. The bond on the ballot would be set around 1.5% with the lease revenue bond set around 1.6-1.7%.

There will be no formal campaigning for this election. The district will send 2 mailers in the next couple of weeks to spread the information. Construction has begun by tearing down the south gym and preparing the staging area. Construction on the new building (in the North parking lot) will begin in the spring.

5. Covid Update- Fidel Montero

NO transmissions have taken place at the school. Many schools that did not start on the hybrid model are now having to take 2 weeks of complete online study while they prepare to go to a hybrid model. This transition is proving challenging to the admin and faculty that are only now starting to formulate curriculum for this model. Timpview, in comparison, has room for improvement but is doing fairly well.

Many testing numbers seem to be inaccurate, potentially due to people choosing not to get tested. There is little to no incentive to be tested, particularly in sports where a positive test result can lead to an entire team in quarantine.

It is recognized that social activity is an important part of the high school experience and that the cancellation of group activities, while in the best interest of the students physical welfare, is not without cost.

Jessica L asked if there was a mechanism by which the district is collecting parental feedback on issues relating to the physical, social, and educational needs of their children. The district is sending out a survey but it would be helpful to have Timpview specific feedback.

Faculty has been assured that they are not expected to cover the full curriculum because that isn't possible. Part of the problem is that kids are not putting in their time at home on their off days.

Fidel has requested that Jessica L present on curriculum development management at the faculty meeting on 10/9/20. Todd would like to request that teachers be asked not to deduct points for late work. He has also heard from parents that are wondering why we would be going back to 4 days a week when Alpine SD is going in the opposite direction. All of the schools that have been on the 4 day model up until now have significantly higher quarantine rates.

The district is considering changing the mandatory quarantine time to 7 days rather than 14. Some students are currently feeling that in class time is not effective and are choosing to work from home.

Covid repercussions- Athletics. Last year the Kahuku game brought in \$40k which then funded the rest of the athletic programs. This year with the lack of spectators, there is no revenue. Travis serves on a Professional Development team that has been tasked with training the faculty on how to best handle online learning. Todd suggested that our options will be to either have everyone contract the disease or be vaccinated so showing confidence and support for a vaccine would be critical. Fidel reminds that in that end, we will "do whatever Nate tells us to do."

It is noted that the additional stress amongst the students is very real and remains a concern that needs to be addressed. Fidel has allocated \$35k from the TSSA funds to address covid specific needs.

6. Trustland plan review- Fidel Montero

As in previous years, funding is based on student enrollment which is currently 2394 students. Timpview has a significant number of diverse groups which could be considered as many specialty schools in the same building. The range of Timpview student interests and talents continues to grow.

As a public high school, it is our responsibility to ensure that our entire student population has access to the full range of opportunities available at the school. Great effort has been made to ensure that all of our classes are an accurate reflection of the diversity of our student body. Although we have seen participation in AP courses double in the last 7 years, we would like to see greater participation, particularly by our disadvantaged populations. The expansion of our AVID program is making an impact in regards to this goal.

Our guiding principles are Simplicity, Consistency, and Clarity.

Fidel reviewed the current plan (approved in Spring 2020) with the council and defined how the money was to be spent in helping us reach our goals. Currently 25% of our students do not read on grade level which affects all areas of learning.

Tupou shared a brief update on the progress of the AVID program. AVID 11 had 4 students who had to drop out of the program because they have too many AP or CE classes in their schedule. 75% of the AVID students have multiple advanced classes in their schedule.

Tupou proposed that the meeting be adjourned. Melanie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next meeting will be held Nov 12 (subject to change)