

Timpanogos Academy School Board Meeting
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PRESENT:

At 7:00pm, Board members Kim Seager, Amy Tressler, Rachel Thacker, Paul Johnson, Jennie Bruce, and Phil Cardon are in attendance. This constitutes a full quorum. Principal Errol Porter and Board Secretary Frank Anderson are also in attendance.

Board member Minta Valentine was excused, and Amy Tressler left early at 8:00pm

1 - Agenda Approval

Rachel Thacker moved to amend the agenda by changing the order of Item 5 and Item 11, essentially swapping the two items, and then also to strike Item #10. The motion was seconded by Phil Cardon and passed unanimously.

2 – Review of Last Meeting’s Business/ Approval of Minutes/Confirm Next Board Meeting

Amy Tressler made a motion to approve the January 2023 board minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Phil Cardon and passed unanimously.

The Board confirmed that the next Board meeting will be March 16th, 2023.

3 – Public Input

None at this time.

4 – Language Arts Middle of the Year Results – JoDee Mickelsen – Discussion Item

Mrs. Mickelsen presented the DIBELS/Acadience test results for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade over the course of the past 3 years; and the Board then discussed the various findings.

11 – Proposed 2023-24 Fee Schedule

Mr. Porter presented the proposed Fee Schedule for 2023-24 for the Board to review. This was the second consecutive month that this item was discussed in Board meeting to allow for adequate opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed fees. In past years, the cost for after school projects had been \$40 for each participant but this proposed fee schedule would increase those fees to \$50 to allow for increased costs and expenses. It was noted that parents would have a fee waiver process available if they qualify for financial relief.

The current extracurricular classes are Elementary Choir, Computer Aided Drafting, Book Club, and the Chess Art Club.

6 – Budget Report – Finance Office

Mr. Smith reported on the status of the Budget to date and that revenue and expenses were both in line with expectations and on-track for the year as of January 31st of 2023, which is just over 58% of the fiscal school year.

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7 – Trust Lands 2023-24 Plan – Karyl Montgomery - Discussion Item

Mrs. Montgomery did a preliminary overview of the 2023-24 Trust Lands Plan which is still being developed at this time. The school is still waiting for the projected budget from the State, and once we have all of the details the Board would then be presented with the full plan.

8 – Proposed Updated Enrollment Policy – Errol Porter - Action Item

Mr. Porter presented a proposed updated Enrollment Policy that fixed and addressed loophole in the “Sibling Priority” status that was discovered in the current enrollment policy. Under the existing policy, parents could withdraw students at any time and then expect that we would hold their spot as long as they left an additional student enrolled at the school. This left us in a position where we either couldn’t fill the open position or risked having to be over-enrolled if and when the withdrawn student was ever presented for re-enrollment. The amended policy addressed this loophole by withdrawing Sibling priority whenever a student is withdrawn through parental choice.

After discussion, Rachel Thacker made a motion to approve the updated Enrollment Policy as amended. The motion was seconded by Phil Cardon and passed unanimously.

9 – Principal’s Report – Errol Porter

* A) LETRS Progress / Timp’s language Arts program: The state mandated training is a lot of work and time consuming, but it matches what we have already been doing and appears to be worth the time. The stipend that was approved for the teachers who are doing the training has been noticed and is appreciated.

* B) Core Knowledge Changes: The Board was brought up to date that there are many changes to the latest version of the Core Knowledge Sequence which the school is reviewing and processing. A more thorough report will be presented to the Board at a later date once the staff has had sufficient time to compare the new materials to the previous materials we have been using.

* C) Mr. Porter referenced the presentation that was made earlier by Mrs. Mickelsen along with the overall impact that the AIS team has had with our students; and thanked the Board for funding the AIS program.

5 – PTO Report – Julie Bellon

Mrs. Bellon reported on the following items:

a) There were 73 attendees at the recent “Parent Night”, which was well above the 20-30 attendees that usually attend.

Completed and upcoming events: This year’s “GeoBee” was successful; and the PTO would now be focusing on the upcoming “Word Power Challenge”, the “Battle of the Books” and providing lunch for the staff and teachers during the SEP conferences.

c) News: The speakers for the new sound system have been installed, and the PTO is now waiting for the Amplifier to be delivered sometime next week.

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12 – Board Position Reports:

- a) **PTO/Curriculum, Jennie Bruce:** None at this time.
- b) **Publicity, Minta Valentine:** None at this time, Mrs. Valentine is not present.
- c) **Uniforms, Amy Tressler:** None at this time, Mrs. Tressler is not present.
- d) **Risk Management & Facilities, Paul Johnson:** Mr. Porter reported that the HVAC unit filters had been replaced, and that the “Big unit” for the West Gym should be installed soon. The school’s drains had also been cleaned, and plans were still being put together for a Full day Kindergarten so the school is prepared if that becomes required by the state
- e) **CFO, Rachel Thacker:** None at this time.
- f) **Human Resources & Website, Phil Cardon:** Mr. Cardon went over the results of this year’s Parent Survey. There were 130 responses this year, which was 20 more than last year’s survey responses, and about 35 less than the “all time high” number of responses. Even though parents have the option of identifying themselves to receive feedback from the school, all of the responses this year were submitted anonymously.

The results were overwhelmingly positive and approving of the school: 97% were “satisfied with the education provided by Timpanogos Academy”; 98% were satisfied with the Saxon Math curriculum, 97% were satisfied with the Language Arts curriculum; and 97% were satisfied with the school’s Core Knowledge Curriculum.

In addition, 99% said they agreed that the teachers provide a safe and positive environment; 100% approved of the school’s specialty classes and the same 100% approved of the school’s administrative staff. 97% approved of the Special Education services offered, and 99% said they “would recommend Timpanogos Academy to others”.

97% of respondents said they “Intended to keep their students at Timp Academy until the end of 6th grade”. When offered an opportunity to assign Timp Academy an overall grade, all but 1 of the parents gave the school an “A” or “B” and the other parent gave the school a “C”. Zero parents assigned a grade of either “D” or “F”.

- g) **Board Chair, Kim Seager:** None at this time.

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13 – Board Training

The Board listened to Episode #3 from the “Board Wiser” training program, titled “Broken Promises”.

14 – Closed Session

Motion for a closed session was made by Kim Seager. A roll call vote was called for and all present board members individually voted “aye” when asked.

15 - Adjournment:

Kim Seager moved to adjourn without objection.