

## **TMJH Community Council**

**Nov 9, 2022                      2:30 pm- 3:30pm**

**Attendees:** Sooze Preston, Kim Abbett, Caleb Fine, Sarah Smyth(zoom), Adrienne Woolley(zoom), Ben Gallagher

**Guests:** Casey Ryan, Adam Laurenzo

### **Old Business**

- Minutes from October 12 were reviewed
- Ben motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections  
Adrienne second the motion  
All in favor of motion

### **New Business**

#### **ELL Cohort**

- Casey and Ryan were invited to meeting to talk about the ELL Cohort class
- Cohort for each grade level
- Students work in small groups
- During class, concepts are retaught
- Finding this is very effective for helping the students
- Adam been keeping data on this course and seeing great results
- Some 9<sup>th</sup> grade students have left the class and are earning 3.0 GPA
- A survey is sent to these students to see how they feel about the course-love the connection one on one with teachers, seeing their grades going up
- Students are identified for the course by taking the WIDA testing
- SCC pays for 6 teachers to work with these students
- Grades 8 and 9 are on opposite days
- Class also allows Adam to work on student's english language skills
- Casey teaches Social Studies and it allows her to focus on just a few students at a time who need a lot more help
- Teachers all work well together, have formed a good team, they all know what each other is teaching the students
- Students are enrolled in English and ELL courses
- We want the students to leave TMJH as proficient as possible before the enter HS

## Novel Review

- By District policy 9050, all new novels must be reviewed before they can be used for curriculum
- Need to elect some parents-Kim Abbett already on board
- For the novel The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian, parents must give consent
- Currently 2 other novels are being reviewed
- 2 parents have applied
- committee can create consistencies for novels to be used
- If you have challenged a novel, you may not be on the committee
- Would like more than 1 parent from SCC
- You must read the book first, then you are told what the concern is within the book
- Would like to have at least 3 parents on this committee
- There is no active recruitment being done at this time
- Caleb will speak with the District office regarding getting parents involved, then there is more transparency
- Sooze asked to be on the committee so she will apply
- Kim will continue on the committee
- Thought to get the word out to our parents about the committee to get more parents involved
- There will be a training before for reading the novels

## Word on the Street

### Adjourn

- Caleb motioned to adjourn
- Ben seconded the motion
- All present in favor of motion

***Next meeting December 14, 2022***