**Timpanogos Academy School Board Meeting  
Thursday Dec 10th, 2020 7:00pm  
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**PRESENT:**   
Board members Phil Cardon, Rachel Thacker, Jennie Bruce, Minta Valentine, Amy Tressler , Kim Seager, and Paul Johnson were in attendance at 7:00pm, which constitutes a full quorum. Principal Errol Porter is also in attendance.

**1 - Agenda Approval**Rachel Thacker made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Paul Johnson and passed unanimously. **2 – Review of Last Meeting’s Business/Approval of Minutes/Next Board Meeting**   
Rachel Thacker made a motion to approve the November 2020 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Minta Valentine and passed unanimously. The Board then confirmed that the next Board meeting will be on Thursday Jan. 14th, 2020. **3 – Public Input**  
Amy Pomeroy, a Timp Academy parent, raised concerns over increased “screen time” during the student’s lunchtime. Mr. Porter emphasized that almost the entire reason that screen time was increased was due to COVID-19 social distance requirements, and after a lengthy discussion the Board consensus was that this additional screen time was a temporary situation that would not continue after COVID restrictions were lifted.   
  
On behalf of the faculty and staff, 5th grade teacher Mrs. Belt expressed her appreciation for the PTO’s efforts on behalf of the teachers.

**4 – Budget Update – Lynn Smith**Lynn Smith reported on the status of the Budget “to date” and that revenue and expenses were both reasonably in line and on-track for the year as of Nov 30th of the current year. Mr. Smith then went over specific line items with the board and answered their questions.

**5 – PTO Report**  
Mr. Porter reported that the PTO would be concluding the annual auction fundraiser, and that the PTO was looking for options for selling pizza under the COVID restrictions that are not allowing them to be in the buildings. Mr. Porter expressed appreciation for Mrs. Orme’s work and patience during this time.

**6 – Utah Grants – Karyl Montgomery**Mr. Porter discussed the current status of various Utah Grants, including the reports that were now being required of all schools that received any of the grants. Mr. Porter has been and will continue to work with the Business Office to determine how best to meet the requirements and/or to decide if there are any grants that we do not want to accept.

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**7 – Retirement Update – Karyl Montgomery**Mr. Porter reported that Mass Mutual was merging with a company named “Empower”. Lynn Smith reported that our advisor has said that the school will save 20% on fees by moving forward with the switch-over.

**8 – Principals Report – Errol Porter**  
Mr. Porter reported on various items, as follows:

\* A) Current COVID-19 case count status: We have one confirmed & quarantined case of a school aide, and approximately 20 students are quarantining due to contact with someone else who was confirmed. The Health Department has said that most elementary schools generally have 5 or 6 active cases at any one time, so having only 1 aide affected right now is better than what other schools are experiencing.

\* B) Plans have been made with the PTO to set up a school “Spirit Day”, during which time the students would be allowed to wear the Spirit T-Shirt that have been sold by the PTO. A lengthy discussion ensued about whether or not this was a good idea, and whether or not the Spirit T-shirts were acceptable considering the use of an unapproved school logo printed on the shirts.

\* C) Christmas Bonuses: Mr. Porter will be sending an email to the Board Budget committee with his thoughts and recommendations on Christmas Bonuses for the staff.

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**9 – Board Member Reports**:

1. **Uniforms, Amy Tressler**: None at this time
2. **Publicity, Minta Valentine**: None at this time.
3. **CFO, Rachel Thacker:** None at this time.
4. **PTO/Curriculum, Jennie Bruce:** None at this time.
5. **Human Resources & Website, Phil Cardon:**  Mr. Cardon reported that he was working on some ideas to allow Pizza Day transactions to be done on-line.
6. **Facilities & Risk Control, Paul Johnson:**  Mr. Porter reported that he had found a company that will recycle old technology for us under an existing state contract. Because of the contract there is no cost for the recycling, plus the school would receive a portion of the sale price for anything the recycling company is able to sell.
7. **CAO, Kim Seager:** During this time, Holly Smith, a parent of a Timp Academy student and former teacher here at the school, asked the Board for their reasoning behind mandating the wearing of masks at the school. Mr. Porter answered that the current government orders would make it a crime for the school not to mandate masks, even to the point of threatening to make children accountable for not wearing a mask.   
     
   In addition, Mr. Porter described the exceptions to wearing masks, such as during P.E. and recesses, and/or because of any excused medical conditions.

**10 - Adjournment:**Kim Seager moved to adjourn without objection.