

TMJH Community Council

Nov 18, 2025 2:45 pm- 3:30pm

Attendees: Caleb Fine, Ben Gallagher, Stephen Fox, Jamie Taylor, Jenny Pelt, Susie Preston, Melissa Nikolai, Dara Smith

Visitors: Matt Nagel

Old Business

Approve minutes from Oct 21, 2025

- Dara motioned to approve
- Melissa 2nd the motion
- All in favor of motion

New Business

AI

- District working on putting an AI policy in place
- guidelines are being drawn up
- MagicSchool-AI tool, better privacy, teachers have full control
- teachers can see how students interact with it
- teachers not required to use this tool
- Currently only guidelines for teachers to follow
- Suggestion to have guidelines on website for students and parents to follow
- ChatGPT not allowed in school/district
- Questions from last year, waiting to hear answers: where does school district, Dept of Education feel about AI use? Valuable? Where would it hinder education? Consistency of use in the classroom? School?
- There are variable opinions on it's use-best practices
- A common language needs to be used
- We have a long way to go to set this process in place
- What is the teacher point of view? Difficult for some, would like students to be deep thinkers, process their thoughts and putting them into writing
- Using outlines for students to follow-thesis statements, students need structure
- Matt Nagel-a former English teacher: It's difficult to get students to put thoughts to paper-critical thinking, having students use APA citations within their writings
- AI thinks for students

- Good that we are working through this process
- Will be a good idea to create guidelines that would be ever evolving as AI keeps changing
- AI use has many positives and negatives to it
- Non-English-speaking students relying heavily on it for grammar
- Could be an issue with 9th graders who are focusing on grammar, also should be using ideas to formulate their writings
- Thoughts on going back to using pen/paper? Teachers use the Lockdown browser which allows teachers to see the writing and any grammar errors
- Suggestion made to not introduce laptops so early in school age students, teach writing skills first
- Encouraging reading books, students read about 2 books in school but don't read outside school
- Student fluency improves by following along and listening to audio books
- Recommendation suggestions? designate an individual to monitor AI and keep up with the changes, answer people's questions
- We currently have an AI committee-includes teachers, community members
- Caleb will share council feedback with the District
- Suggestion to have a site where teachers can share concerns, comments, etc.

Data Review

- PreSAT had 127 testers, opt-in 35%, above state average
- Reading/Writing - top in the state
- We do have students who struggle with testing
- 1/3 of Jr class is college bound
- Majority of private schools require Jr to take the test
- Caleb will bring in teachers to give more data from different subject areas

MISC

- Open vs Closed School will be discussed at next board meeting
- If we are open, we get more funding from student's home school
- the revenue will increase with class sizes, hire more teachers
- Caleb supportive for opening the schools
- A cap would be set for open enrollment so numbers do not go crazy

Adjourn

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

Next meeting December 16, 2025

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