

JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Agenda
January 14, 2015
4:30 p.m.

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Those in attendance: Jen Atwood, Leigh Banks, Wendy Bartlett, Lisa Blake (Chair), Lisa Dean, Dan Floyd, Becky Gerber, Janet Hamilton, Jane Harward, Aaron Hunter, Jen Jensen, Kristin Maynes, Bryan Leggat, Brien Maxfield (Vice Chair), Brenda Montgomery, Jody Peters, Patrice Shaffer, and Cynthia Vander Meiden. Students: James Blake, Joseph Dean, Robert Dean, and Kate Hamilton.

Called to Order: 4:30 p.m.

1. **Minutes from previous meeting approved via email.** There are eighteen voting members of the council; fifteen approved the minutes and three abstained.

2. **Welcome.** Jen Atwood was welcomed as a new member of the Jordan District School Board. She encouraged Community Council members to take advantage of training opportunities the next one being held tomorrow, January 15th. She encouraged everyone to feel free to contact her anytime through e-mail at jenzatwood@gmail.com or on her cell phone at (801)674-9647. Ms. Atwood mentioned she has been referring parents to the Community Council if they have questions or concerns regarding the school.

3. **Celebration and Latest News.**

- a. Bryan Leggat celebrated that Ms. Egan, the music teacher, is back.
- b. The Math position has been filled by Mr. Jeff Duke. He is coming from an alternative school in California.
- c. The school just completed the Panther Express activity where students donated service instead of money. It averaged about 1 hour of service per student in the building.
- d. The Souper Bowl of Caring is coming up where the school will be doing activities to collect food for the Utah Food Bank.

4. **Counseling Report.**

- a. The counselors are currently involved with the 8th grade appointments. It has been very helpful to have three counselors so that more appointments can be held in the evening. At these appointments, the counselors are helping students with their 4 year plans.
- b. The counselors will be starting the Registration Process in the near future.
- c. The seventh grade reading program has been revised to include more language acquisition and word processing.
- d. Student representatives did not have input at this time.

5. **SNAP.** Aaron Hunter distributed information on the SNAP Plan and asked the council to review it and e-mail any changes to him. He will send out his e-mail address.

6. **Updating technology in the KIVA.** The stage crew has requested a new computer for the KIVA to help with presentations and assemblies. The one they have now is old and not compatible with current software.

7. **Student-Led Conferences.** Jane Harward mentioned that Student-Led conferences will be held on March 4th and 5th. Teachers and students will start preparing for them after the semester change. The conferences will follow the same format as last year where students will prepare a portfolio and have class projects to display. Besides reviewing the portfolios with their students, parents will have time to visit with teachers and are encouraged to complete the parent survey in the Media Center. They can also enjoy the Book fair sponsored by the PTSA. Hot dogs will be served.

8. **Land-trust.** At the next meeting, the council will need to determine how to spend the land-trust money. Council members were encouraged to view the [JPJMS Final Report 2013-14](#) on the school website and see where the money is currently being spent and see if there is anything they would like to change.

9. **Accreditation – Improvement Plan.** Cynthia Vander Meiden handed out a copy of the school improvement plan goals. A new improvement plan will need to be completed on February 25, 2015. The accreditation team will be coming March 24th and 25th.

10. **SAGE.** The SAGE Writing exams will start in February and go from February 2-20th. The school will start holding School-wide Writing Blitzes to help prepare the students. The rest of the SAGE tests will start in April and go through May. It was mentioned that the students need to do practice testing and struggle with long reading passages. It was mentioned that we need to have reading as part of land-trust.
11. **Summer Remodel.** Bryan Leggat distributed copies of the remodeling proposal. The council reviewed the plan. Air conditioning will be the first priority and then the office and music rooms will be remodeled to improve security. A concern was raised about construction traffic. It will be addressed after the plan gets approved.
12. **Credit Recovery.** Bryan Leggat shared the progress of the Credit Recovery program. He mentioned that the number of students failing a core class dropped from 78 students last year to 21 this year. Ten students have completed packets and made up credits. He said that West Jordan Middle School is experiencing similar success. A question was asked if the focus on anti-bullying has helped with student attitude towards school. It was agreed that it has helped change the culture of the school for the better.
13. **Calendar.** The new quarter will start on January 26, 2015.
14. **Opportunity for Community Comments.** A concern was raised about public display of affection (PDA) at school. Bryan Leggat said he is getting information from the district and will then address the issue.
15. Next meeting – March 18, 2015 at 4:30 pm in the Media Center.
16. Brenda Montgomery moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Adjourned: 5:48 p.m.