

JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Agenda
September 10, 2014
4:30 p.m.

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Vote on chair and vice-chair
Celebrations and Latest News
Counseling
Land Trust Video
Latinos in Action
Recovery Packet expectations
Job Openings at JPJ
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Opportunity for Community Comments
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Those in attendance: Jana Bailey, Leigh Banks, Lisa Blake (Chair), Paula Booth, Lisa Dean, Dan Floyd, Janet Hamilton, Jane Harward, Aaron Hunter, Jen Jensen, Peggy Jo Kennett, Bryan Leggat, Joyce Linder, Brien Maxfield, Brenda Montgomery, Patrice Shaffer, and Cynthia Vander Meiden. Students: Ethan Bailey, James Blake, Joseph Dean, Robert Dean, Abby Jensen, and Kate Hamilton.

Called to Order: 4:30 p.m.

1. **Minutes from previous meeting approved via email.** There are eight voting members of the council, and minutes were approved unanimously.
2. **Welcome and Introductions.** Everyone was introduced. Special welcome to Peggy Jo Kennett from the Jordan District Board of Education. Those present were asked to verify their contact information. There is still room on the council for more members. Interested individuals should contact Mr. Leggat by September 24, 2014. If needed, elections will be held on October 1-2, 2014 during Parent Teacher Conferences.
3. **Vote on Chair and Vice-Chair.** Lisa Blake was nominated as Chair. It was seconded. There were no other nominations for Chair. Lisa Blake was elected unanimously. Brien Maxfield was

nominated for Vice-Chair. It was seconded. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chair. Brien Maxfield was elected unanimously.

4. **Celebrations and Latest News**

- a. It has been a quiet year so far. We have several new teachers and the students are trying hard.
- b. Bryan Leggat explained that Joel P. Jensen Middle School and three other schools have qualified for a \$900,000 STEM grant that will provide opportunities for students to gain experience in robotics and writing apps. Sixty students will have the opportunity this year with the number increasing to 120 next year. There is an application process for teachers. Class will be held after school, and part of the grant provides general neighborhood busing for participating students.
- c. Peggy Jo Kennett mentioned a plan is being put into place to provide air conditioning for Joel P. Jensen Middle School .
- d. Aaron Hunter explained and distributed copies of the 2014-15 school goals regarding tardies, student passing rate, and attendance. He also explained ZAP and the goals for that program.
- e. Cynthia Vander Meiden explained accreditation reports and the opportunities for teacher, parents and students to give input. She encouraged parents to help with the self-assessment which will be available after the meeting.

5. **Counseling Report.**

- a. Derek Winder is a new counselor at Joel P. Jensen. Wendy Bartlett will work with students whose last names start with A-G, Derek Winder H-M, and Joyce Linder N-Z.
- b. Counselors are currently doing "Meet and Greets" with the seventh grade students.
- c. Every student is required to be trained on suicide prevention. This will be done during Math classes and will be completed by September 25th.
- d. Eight grade students will take the Explore test on September 23rd.
- e. The Jordan Applied Technology Center (JATC) will be making a presentation to 8th graders about the programs they offer.
- f. Freshmen will participate in Reality Town on December 2nd.
- g. Anti- Bullying Week will be the week of October 6th and will feature activities conducted by Team PROWL.
- h. "Don't Be A Monster" presentation will be held on October 28th.
- i. Youth Input included the following comments: halls are hectic with students searching for classes and crashing into each other; still a problem with students stopping in the intersections to visit with friends making it difficult to pass; Rules assembly is good for 7th graders but 8th & 9th graders find it repetitive; the 4 year plan presented to 8th graders was helpful; liked the ideas of after school activities and would like more variety such as theater, design, etc.; 7th grade orientation went great.

6. **Land Trust Video.** There are two Land Trust Videos all Community Council members need to watch. Lisa Blake will send out the link to watch the videos at home, they will also be available to watch at school at the end of the next meeting. Let Lisa Blake know when you've finished viewing them.
7. **Latinos in Action (LIA).** This program has had a very positive effect on Latino students at Joel P. Jensen as well as the students in the elementary schools where they volunteer. LIA students have had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor of West Jordan and members of the Chamber of Commerce. The school is looking to find funding for the transportation needed for LIA students to volunteer at both Oquirrh and Columbia Elementary on a guaranteed yearly basis.
8. **Recovery Packet Expectations.** Bryan Leggat explained that Joel P. Jensen is working with West Jordan Middle School and West Jordan High School to create packets for core classes that students can purchase to make up credit for a failing class. The Freshmen students that fail a core class will be expected to stay after school to complete a recovery packet that will cost \$25. This program is intended to help more students stay on schedule to graduate high school.
9. **Job Openings at JPJ.** There are two positions available. Both are 17 hour positions.
 - a. ESL Aide, preferably Spanish speaking. This aide will work with the ESL teacher and also go to mainstream classes with students. Hours will be the last part of the school day ending at 2:30 p.m.
 - b. ZAP Aide. Will work with students during B Lunch and create list for after school. Requires basic computer and spreadsheet skills. Training is available. Hours are Monday through Thursday Noon to 3:30 p.m., and Friday until 3:00 p.m.
10. **Calendar.** Parent Teacher Conferences are on October 1-2, 2014.
11. **Opportunity for Community Comments.** Suggestions were given to have chairs put in hallways during Parent Teacher Conferences and hold the Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences in the Media Center. It was also suggested to have programs to reach the non-minority students, and to include minority parents on PTSA and Community Council.
12. Next meeting – November 12, 2014 at 4:30 pm in the Media Center.
13. Brenda Montgomery moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Adjourned: 5:55 p.m.