

JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Agenda
March 19, 2014
4:30 p.m.

Minutes from previous meeting approved via email
Welcome, Celebrations, Latest News
Counseling
Stomp Out Bullying Night
Land Trust Change/Addendum - vote
Land Trust Ideas for 2014-2015
2014-2015 SS members/elections
Calendar
Opportunity for Community Comments
Next meeting – April 9, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
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Those in attendance: Lisa Blake (Chair), Janet Hamilton (Vice-Chair), Jana Bailey, Brenda Montgomery, Paula Booth, Joyce Linder, Jane Harward, Aaron Hunter, Bryan Leggat, Patrice Shaffer, Cynthia Vander Meiden, and Jody Peters.

Called to Order: 4:35 p.m.

1. **Minutes from previous meeting approved via email.** There are eight voting members of the council, and minutes were approved by seven with one abstention.
2. **Welcome, Celebrations, Latest News.**
 - a. Bryan Leggat shared that the orchestra and concert band received superior ratings at their festivals.
 - b. Cynthia Vander Meiden gave a report on the Panther Academic Tracker (PAT). She handed out examples of goal sheets used to report actions to administration. She mentioned that about 130 students are involved with the majority in the 8th grade. Students know who their mentors are and grades are going up.
 - c. Jane Harward gave a report on Student-Led Conferences. She explained the change in format. There was 60% attendance which is more than double last year. Many mentioned it was a more positive experience than in the past.
 - d. Aaron Hunter explained the progress of ZAP and the tardy policy. He mentioned that the failure rate is half what it was last year at this same time. He would like to believe that ZAP has been a part of that. Zeroes aren't permitted has become part of the school

culture. The tardy rate is down considerably from last year. Students have a better attitude about getting to class on time.

3. Counseling Report by Joyce Linder.

- a. Testing is underway. CRT has been replaced with Sage Testing. A handout was given to explain the Sage Test. Attendance was stressed.
 - b. Cards were used this year for course selection. Currently working on scheduling.
 - c. More 9th grade students want three full-year elective, so more want to take the PST to take care of their P.E. requirement. The high school will take a limited number of students for early morning seminary, so that is an option for the 9th grade this year. Summer driver's education is still offered at the high school.
 - d. The last essay test for Language Arts Honors will be given on Friday.
 - e. A letter about credit for 9th grade credit deficiencies will be sent out after third quarter.
 - f. All students will be trained on suicide prevention. This is required for all students every year starting next school year. We will start this year. Training will be given on Fridays during 2nd period until the end of the school year. Counselors and School Psychologist will conduct the training and each class will receive it once. Parents may request that their students opt out of this training. Students not participating in the training will go to the Media Center to work on an assignment.
4. **Stomp Out Bullying Night** was explained by Bryan Leggat. It will take place tomorrow night, Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Jeanie Cysco-Meth, author of "Bully Proofing You" will be the presenter. All student leaders and their parents are asked to come if possible. The presentation will last about an hour. Suggestion was given that the best time to have an anti-bullying event would be in the fall.
5. **Land Trust Change/Addendum.** Bryan Leggat explained that money can be carried over from one year to the next for a specified project. There is not enough money this year to update a computer lab. He suggested money be carried over from this year, put with some money from next year's budget and purchase new computers for the lab in room 404. **MOTION:** Brenda Montgomery moved that money be carried over from this year and put with money from next year's budget to purchase the new computer lab. It was seconded and approved.
6. **Trust Land ideas for 2014-2015.** Bryan Leggat handed out Budget Expenditure report and gave an update on the status of each item. Discussed items to consider for next year. These included Ascend Math and the Summer Math program, Learning Lab Aides, Attendance Tracker, Professional Development, Brown Bag Science, Brown Bag Book Club, Summer Reading program with Reading+, and \$7,000 to add to carry over money from this year to fund the computer lab upgrade. Bryan will get the specific amount for next year's budget. This amount and other budget proposals will be sent to Lisa Blake who will forward to the rest of the Community Council. We will approve the budget at the next meeting.

7. **2014-2015 School Community Council members/elections.**

8. **Calendar.** The next meeting will be April 9, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

9. **Opportunity for Community Comments.**

10. Brenda Montgomery gave MOTION to adjourn. It was seconded and approved.

Adjourned 6:05 p.m.