

JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Agenda
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Those in attendance: Jimmy Anderson, Shanna Anderson (Chair), Lisa Dean, Stephanie Grange, Doris Hunt, Jen Jensen, Brien Maxfield (Vice-Chair), Tiffany Southworth, Aaron Hunter, Bryan Leggat, Patrice Shaffer (Secretary), Derek Winder, and Amber Zdunich.

Call to order at 4:30 p.m. by Shanna Anderson.

1. **Welcome.** Shanna welcomed everyone to the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves.
2. **Minutes from previous meeting (March 13, 2018) approved via email.** There are 14 voting members of the council and 12 approved the minutes via e-mail. Two offered no response.
3. **Celebrations and Latest News.**
 - a. Bryan Leggat said the school is working with the district to apply for a grant that will provide funding for some after school programs following STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and would include classes for adults as well as students. A healthy snack and late bus for transportation will be provided for participants.
 - b. Bryan mentioned the 2nd Annual Literacy Night being sponsored by the PTSA being held on Monday, October 29th. Last year it was a great success. This year's event will feature Martial Arts with a focus on Reading, literacy-based games, food, and every middle school student goes home with a book.

4. **Counseling.** Derek Winder mentioned that the counselors have completed their meet and greet with the 7th graders last week. This year it was held through the College and Career Awareness classes. They are getting ready to start Utah Futures with the 9th Grade which they want to complete first quarter. Suicide Prevention presentations will be held September 12th and 26th. Approximately fifteen students opted out of participating in these presentations which is less than last year. Andrew Baggs, the school psychologist known as “Bear”, has been assigned to the school full time this year and will be helping with the suicide presentations. Starting in October, the counselors will meet monthly with a group of students known as the Student Senate. The counselors will start sharing results of these meetings with the Community Council at their next meeting in November.
5. **Review rules of order and procedure.** Shanna gave a brief summary of the rules of order and procedure. She mentioned that they are posted on the school website on the School Community Council page. All agreed to follow these rules.
6. **Voting: Members/ Chair/vice-chair.** Shanna Anderson and Brien Maxfield said they would be willing to serve another year as Chair and Vice-Chair (respectively). Patrice Shaffer said she was willing to continue taking minutes of the meetings and serve as secretary. There were no other nominations for these positions. All were voted in unanimously by those present.
7. **Principal’s Report:**
 - a. **New teachers/staff.** Amber Zdunich mentioned the following new teachers – Sam White, P.E.; Elizabeth Richey, CTE FACS; John Scott, Math; Ellen Battenfield, Choir; Bethany Maxfield, Band /Orchestra; and Amanda Bryson, Science. She mentioned that Ashley Baum now has a full-time position, Ruth Sowell is the new attendance secretary, and we have a new math aide named Megan.
 - b. **School Goals for 2018/19.** Aaron Hunter reported that the passing rate increased from 64% seven years ago to 86% last year. This year the school has a goal of 88% passing rate and is focusing on growth mindset. He shared how the Reading Plus program has helped many students. The second school goal will be to have each student have an 80 point increase in their Lexile level as measured by the SRI test.
 - c. **M.O.A.B. Mother of All Boundary Changes.** Bryan Leggat mentioned that there are several new schools opening soon that will result in a lot of school boundary changes. It was mentioned that the whole district will be affected. Boundary change is listed on the school board agenda for the next several months. Open houses will be held. Information on these open houses will be sent out to parents via Skylert and will also be placed on the school website. Discussion was held about busing. Bryan mentioned that our school enrollment is larger now than was projected.
 - d. **Facilities upgrade wish list.** Bryan Leggat that the school would like to have a dance portable complete with mirrors, a larger band room, new tile throughout the school, walls not partitions, permanent seats in the auditorium, and new lockers. Parents suggested adding paint for the parking lot to the list.
8. **Review membership and responsibilities/Training videos.** School Community Council Training events are held periodically. Notifications come through e-mail and resources can be found on

<https://jordandistrict.org/schools/communitycouncil/> Everyone was encouraged to look at the resources and take advantage of the trainings.

9. **Future meeting times/dates.** It was determined that the meetings will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Future meetings dates will be November 13, 2018, January 8, 2019, and March 12, 2019.

10. **Calendar.**

- a. Every Wednesday – Math Lab after school
- b. September 12th and 26th – Suicide Prevention Presentations.
- c. September 18th – Netsmartz Assembly on Digital Citizenship
- d. September 19th – 7th Grade College and Career Awareness field trip
- e. October 2nd - Assembly about the use of cells phones, finding balance.
- f. October 3rd and 4th – Parent/Teacher Conferences. Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- g. October 5th – No school
- h. October 11th – Failing notices go out
- i. October 18th and 19th – Fall recess, no school.
- j. October 25th – End of 1st quarter.
- k. October 29th – PTSA’s 2nd Annual Literacy Night

11. **Opportunity for Community Comments.**

- a. Parents asked for an explanation of the new RTI policy. The policy of only having blue and pink tickets was explained. Teachers will “I” students they want to reteach regardless of their grade. These students will receive a pink ticket and will go to that teacher. Priority days given for each department. Students who have not been requested by a teacher will receive a blue ticket and can go to Your Choice activities regardless of their grades. This places more responsibility on teachers to request and reteach students. It also gives more students opportunities to participate in your choice activities.
- b. A parent mentioned a problem with the school cell phone policy and students feeling pressured to have cell phones in order to participate in class activities. Some discussion was held, and it was requested to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.
- c. A question was raised on whether or not the school has enough bandwidth for the increased amount of technology.

12. **Next meeting – November 13, 2018, 4:30 p.m.** in the Media Center.

13. **Adjourn.** MOTION by Tiffany Southwick to adjourn. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Adjourned 5:45 p.m.