

**JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2017**  
**4:30 p.m.**

Welcome

Minutes from previous meeting (September 12) approved via email

Celebrations and Latest News

Counseling

Principal's Report: Parent/Teacher Conference Turn Out

Passing Rate

Credit Recovery

Standards Based Grading

School Board Grant Money

Panther Express

Follow-Up: Report of Training & Land Trust Video

Report: Current STL plan status and progress

Discussion: Ideas for next STL plan

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Next meeting – January 9, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

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**JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Minutes**  
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**4:30 p.m.**

Those in attendance: Jimmy Anderson, Shanna Anderson (Chair), Lisa Blake, Lisa Dean, Doris Hunt, Brien Maxfield (Vice-Chair), Tiffany Southworth, Lucas Charon, Bryan Leggat, Patrice Shaffer, Derek Winder, and Amber Zdunich.

Call to Order and Welcome at 4:37 p.m. by Shanna Anderson.

1. **Minutes from previous meeting (September 12) approved via email.** There are 14 voting members of the council. Thirteen approved the minutes, one offered no response.
2. **Celebrations and Latest News.**
  - a. Bryan Leggat made special mention of the recent music concerts. They were well attended and students were well behaved. Music is a growing program with many more students involved this year.
  - b. Patrice Shaffer gave a brief explanation of Career Technical Education (CTE) and the work-based learning part of the College and Career Awareness program. She mentioned having the KSL morning team present an assembly for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as part of this program. Joel P. Jensen Middle School was featured on the 6:00 Morning News this morning.

3. **Counseling.** Derek Winder reported on the Counseling Center activities.
  - a. He mentioned the Counselors are doing more with the Utah Futures Program, have done presentations in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade history classes, and are preparing for Reality Town coming on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. He also mentioned that one of the counselors, Julie Balhorn, will be moving after Christmas, so the school will be looking at hiring a new counselor.
  - c. Derek gave a report from the School Senate Meeting and mentioned that the students voted to do a fundraiser for the Women's Shelter as part of the Panther Express activities. Lists of donation items will be sent home as notes, posted on Facebook, and sent out as a Skylert.
  - d. Mr. Winder explained that ninth grade basketball program will no longer be run through the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation. It will now be run through the high school with a Freshman Boys team made up by students from Joel P. Jensen Middle, West Jordan Middle, and Elk Ridge Middle schools. There will not be a girls team this year, but hoping to provide one next year.
  
4. **Principal's Report:**
  - a. **Parent/Teacher Conference** had a 51% turn out, which is the largest in many years.
  - b. **Passing Rate** for first quarter was at 94%, a large increase from last year's 85%. The breakdown was 14 ninth graders, 21 eighth graders, and 14 seventh graders failing at least one class. A lot of the failing rate were due to attendance issues.
  - c. **Credit Recovery.** Amber Zdunich explained progress with Catch Up Lunch. It started with 99 ninth grade students failing at least one class and ended ten days later with only 14 students failing. Dr. Danny Drew will be running the credit recovery program through Edgenuity, an online program. There will not be a monetary cost to the students. They will just need to be there and complete the work. Amber explained how the credit recovery program would work if students only need to make up a small part of their class.
  - d. **Standards Based Grading** was discussed as possibly helping with the increase in passing rate. Teachers are working on transitioning to standards based grading.
  - e. **School Board Grant Money.** Bryan Leggat reported about what has been accomplished with the School Board Grant Money. His explanation included reports on Reading+ Licenses and the "15 in 15 Challenge!" (Handout); two math aides, 1 reading aide, 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher coach, and reduced teacher to student ratio in core classes.
  - f. **Panther Express** is the wintertime charity event organized by the student leadership. More detail was given in the Student Senate Report given by Derek Winder.
  
5. **Follow-Up: Report of Training & Land Trust Video.** Shanna Anderson attended one of the trainings and found it very good. It was discussed that the Land Trust Videos have not recently changed and everyone encouraged to view them if they have not already done so.
  
6. **Report: Current STL plan status and progress.** Bryan Leggat gave a detail explanation of the current status of the School Trust Land Plan. He will provide a written explanation of his report which will be attached to the minutes and posted on the school website.
  
7. **Discussion: Ideas for next STL plan.** A more in-depth discussion of ideas will be held at the January meeting.

8. **Calendar** dates given by Amber Zdunich.

- a. November 15<sup>th</sup> - Honors Band/Choir/Orchestra Collaboration at Elk Ridge Middle School.
- b. After-school STEM held Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- c. November 16<sup>th</sup> – Panther of the Quarter Assemblies
- d. November 17<sup>th</sup> – Honor Roll Certificates given out
- e. November 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Recess, No School
- f. November 29<sup>th</sup> – JATC Assembly for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- g. December 4<sup>th</sup> – Midterm
- h. December 5<sup>th</sup> – Reality Town for 9<sup>th</sup> grade, volunteers needed
- i. December 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Choir Concert, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- j. December 14<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Instrumental Concert 6 pm to 7 pm, Orchestra 7 pm to 8 pm
- k. December 18<sup>th</sup> – Hearing Screening
- l. December 19<sup>th</sup> – Failing Notices sent home
- m. December 21<sup>st</sup> – Winter Dance after school, informal
- n. December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Break
- o. January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Students return to school
- p. January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Utah Scholars Assembly
- q. January 5<sup>th</sup> – Concert Choir performing National Anthem at Grizzly’s game

9. **Opportunity for Community Comments.**

- a. Request was made to have information and lists sent out on the Spelling and Geography Bees before Christmas.
- b. Bryan Leggat mentioned at the first day of each week is usually Advisory, and Fridays are always late start days with the exception of the last day of school.
- c. Shanna Anderson mentioned comments that were made on Facebook concerning a bullying incident and how nice Mr. Leggat handled the situation. She said that community is recognizing that bullying is taken seriously at the school.

10. **Next meeting – January 9, 2018** in the Media Center at Joel P. Jensen Middle School.

11. **Adjourned.** Bryan Leggat motioned to adjourn. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 p.m.