

**JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Agenda**  
**November 12, 2019**  
**4:30 p.m.**

Welcome

Minutes from previous meeting (September 10) approved via email

Celebrations and Latest News

Counseling

Voting: Vice-chair

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Buers issue

TSSA Budget update

First Quarter Review – Progress on school goals

School facility upgrade needs to school board

Field trip to dance portable

Help needed for upcoming PD

Calendar

Opportunity for Community Comments

Next meeting – January 14, 2020

Adjourn

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Those in attendance: Jimmy Anderson, Shanna Anderson (Chair), Andrea Banks, Lisa Dean, Rick Grove, Kira Hansen, Anjanette Jones, Tiffany Southworth (Vice-Chair), Bryan Leggat, Patrice Shaffer (Secretary), Joshua Stott, Derek Winder, and Amber Zdunich.

Called to order: 4:38 p.m. by Shanna Anderson

- 1. Welcome by Shanna Anderson.**
- 2. Minutes from previous meeting (September 10) approved via email.** There are 12 voting members of the council; 7 approved the minutes, 1 abstained and 4 offered no response. It was encouraged that everyone respond to the minutes. Also, members were asked to verify their email addresses and check their junk mail if they haven't received the minutes.
- 3. Celebrations and Latest News.**
  - a. Bryan Leggat mentioned that the school is 100% Standards-based grading with 90% of grade for assessments and 10% for practice.
  - b. He mentioned funding received from Trustland and TSSA.
  - c. Family Literacy Night was a big success with about 200 people attending. Special mention was made of having guest author, Lance Conrad. The PTSA Student Leadership group helped run activities. Each family was able to take home a free book.

- d. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the PTSA will be hosting a “Bagels & Books” activity. Students are invited to come at 8:30 a.m. eat bagels and choose a book. Rachele Christensen is arranging for the bagels. They are also looking for donations of books for all reading levels.
- e. The school musical “Charlotte’s Web” is coming up. Will be having another play mid-winter.
- f. Mention was made of the front-page article about the school in the West Jordan Journal.

**4. Counseling Report was given by Derek Winder.**

- a. Will be taking 40 9<sup>th</sup> grade students on a fieldtrip to JATC-North to look at the programs they offer. Will do two more later in the year, one to University of Utah and another yet to be determined.
- b. He mentioned that a needs assessment that is to be filled out every 3 years has been completed by parents, teachers and students. He hasn’t looked at all the data yet.
- c. A support for stress and anxiety management has been a big need. Counselors are doing resiliency groups, one for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and a combined 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Smith is continuing working with a Safe Spaces groups for LGBTQ students and those who want to support them.
- d. Student Body officers are working with Latinos in Action to plan Panther Express Activity.
- e. Team Prowl sponsored a Sources of Strength assembly with presenters from the high school.

**5. Voting for Vice-Chair.** Tiffany Southworth was nominated to be the Vice-Chair of the Joel P. Jensen Middle School Community Council. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

**6. Principal’s Report given by Bryan Leggat.**

- a. **Mrs. Buers issue.** Mrs. Buers, a math teacher, has been seriously ill and unable to work for most of first term. Her classes have been combined into other classes so they can receive consistent math instruction. This results in larger class sizes. When Mrs. Buers is able to come back, she will help co-teach with the other math teachers. The goal is to get back to smaller class sizes for 3<sup>rd</sup> term. It was mentioned that the change has been good. A special thanks was given to Lisa Dean and Martine Demers, math aides, for their work in helping students during first term.
- b. A question was raised concerning Summer Reading/Math programs and academic coaches. Bryan explained there were 25 students in each summer program session. Math sessions were given for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8/9<sup>th</sup>, and Reading for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8/9<sup>th</sup>. For Catch-Up Lunch, an aide pulls students with “F” or “I” during lunch to work on assignments. The academic trackers helping students this year are: Tabitha Hanks (7<sup>th</sup> Grade), Jana Pierce (8<sup>th</sup> Grade), and school counselors (9<sup>th</sup> Grade).
- c. **TSSA Budget update.** Mr. Leggat provided a handout and explained the TSSA (Teacher Student Success Act) funding. He indicated a need to compare the TSSA and Trustland funds so not duplicating. He mentioned not being sure how long TSSA funds will be available, but we have them for at least this year and next. He asked that the report be placed on the school website.
- d. **First Quarter Review-Progress on school goals.** The students had a 96.5% passing rate for first quarter. A goal this year focuses on students learning their times tables. Marsha,

a learning center aide, works with students. The Math Lab is open after school on Tuesdays, but not many are attending. Math department is looking at referring students to Math Lab and also give incentives. Suggestion was given to “I” students during RTI to work on Ascend Math. One challenge is that the computer lab by the math department is still being wired. Right now, only 6-8 computers can be used.

- e. **School facility upgrade needs to school board.** Oquirrh Hills and Joel P. Jensen Middle Schools are the oldest in the district. The district has a committee to focus on upgrading these schools. Mr. Leggat provided the committee a list of upgrades put together by importance of what would help students the most. This list includes: a dance portable, solid walls, hallways into the pod classrooms, restrooms by the cafeteria, lighting in the auditorium, and matching tile in the hallways.
  - f. **Fieldtrip to dance portable.** Mr. Leggat took the community council members on a tour of the portable being remodeled as a dance studio. Extensive remodeling has taken place and we are looking forward to its completion.
  - g. **Help needed for upcoming professional development.** Mr. Leggat mentioned a need to have parents help with an upcoming Professional Development. Emphasis will be on helping teachers deal with parents. Volunteers would provide role-play with teachers. The professional development will go from 7:15 am to 8:30 am.
7. **Calendar.** Joshua Stott provided a handout featuring upcoming events including:
- a. November 15, 16 and 18 – Charlotte’s Web Performances, 7-9 pm
  - b. November 13, 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup> – Geography Bee
  - c. November 14 – Panther of the Quarter Assembly
  - d. November 27-29 – Thanksgiving Break
  - e. December 12 – Fine Arts Christmas Showcase Assembly
  - f. December 12 – Choir and Orchestra Concert, 6-7 pm
  - g. December 17 – NetSmartz Assembly (Funding was approved for Salt Lake Valley)
  - h. December 18 – Band Concert, 6-7 pm
  - i. December 23 to January 3 – Winter Recess
  - j. January 14 – School Community Council Meeting
8. **Opportunity for Community Comments.** The council addressed the importance of students being safe. It was mentioned that the student who was recently hit by a car was wearing a helmet and it made a big difference in minimizing her injuries. Bryan mentioned he makes periodic reminders to students. It was also commented that trimming the pine tree helped with visibility.
9. **Next meeting will be January 14, 2010.** MOTION: A motion was given to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Adjourned 6:05 p.m.