

JPJMS School Community Council Meeting Agenda January 24, 2023 4:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Topics to discuss/review:

- JPJ Celebrations: Panther Express, teacher wellness room, Rep. Dunnigan visit, Mrs. Truscott award, 6th grade rah-rah and parent night.
- JPJ News/Notes
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - JSD Job Fair
 - 8th Grade Honors Math
 - Permits
 - Other news
- Counselor's Report
- JPJ Safe Walk Route Approval
- 2021-22 Land Trust review/comments
- Community Comments
- Calendar/Future meeting dates

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Those in attendance: Jimmy Anderson, Shanna Anderson (Chair), Milly Astwood, Andrea Banks (Vice Chair), Derek Hansen, Kira Hansen, Anjanette Jones, Barbara Young, Shalisa Evans, Cynthia Horrocks, Aaron Hunter (Principal), Kevin Mossel, Patrice Shaffer (Secretary), Jill Smith, Joshua Stott.

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

1. **Question of the day.** Everyone offered responses to the question, "If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?"



2. **Minutes approved via email.** There are 15 voting members of the community council. Fourteen approved the minutes; one offered no response.

3. JPJ Celebrations.

- a. Joshua Stott explained the success of this year's Panther Express. There were a lot of donations given to the Principal's Pantry.
- b. He explained that the Teacher Wellness Room has nice lighting, decorations and includes a massage chair. Most items were donated. A ribbon cutting will be held soon.
- c. Rep. Dunnigan's visit went well. It included a tour of the school and a talk of specific school needs.
- d. Ms. Truscott received the Most Valuable Educator (MVE) Award from the Utah Jazz. This included a visit from the Jazz Bear, recognition at the game, and \$1,000 to use in her classroom.
- e. The 6th Grade Rah Rah Assembly and the Parent Night were held yesterday. There was a good turnout.

4. JPJ News/Notes

- a. Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held February 15th and 16th from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. In-Person visits will be on the 15th and virtual visits on the 16th.
 Parents can use Skyward to schedule. We had the highest turnout in the district for Fall Conferences.
- b. **JSD Job Fair.** Jordan District is holding their first ever job fair on January 25th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Oquirrh Hills Middle School. The school currently has four open positions.
- c. **8th Grade Honors Math.** Cynthia Horrocks explained the Math Department is toying with the idea of not separating students between honors and regular math classes until the 9th grade. Input was given that there be some way for students to determine if they are up to doing the extra rigor of honors classes before the 9th grade.
- d. **Permits.** Aaron Hunter explained that the window is open for students to permit to Joel P. Jensen Middle School. He has the desire to get as many students as possible. More students will allow for more course options and benefits for students.
- e. **Other news.** A Fine Arts and IB Assembly for 9th graders will be held on Thursday, January 26th.
- 5. **Counselor's Report.** Report and handout given by Shalisa Evans. The handout gave a review of Data Project Process and Steps Taken to help EL students since the first of the year. The report also indicated results of a student survey that indicated 58.51% of students cite circumstances outside the school setting impacts their learning (e.g., homelessness, food insecurity, safety, traumatic events, citizenship, etc.). Discussion was held on how to better support our



community to reduce impact on students, and how we can bring in more parents that represent our population more fully? Some suggestions from the community council include:

- a. When holding school events, have people donate something for the Principal's Pantry.
- b. Hold a meeting for EL parents later in the evening when they are available and ask for input and take notes. It was suggested that the entire meeting be held in Spanish.
- c. Have notes translated into Spanish. Aaron Hunter offered to translate the notes.
- 6. **JPJ Safe Walk Route Approval.** The JPJ Safe Walking Route plan was approved. Russell Stephenson will meet with city representatives to present the plan.
- 7. **2021-22 Land Trust review/comments.** Aaron Hunter provided a handout, '22-'23 JPJ Land Trust Summary, that explained goals and funding estimates. He asked everyone to review the summary and be prepared to discuss items for the final plan that will be approved at the next meeting in March. Cynthia Horrocks provided a handout, IXL Report-January 2023, so that the committee can see the progress of the IXL Math program. She indicated that students who put effort in the program make great progress with their math skills.
- 8. **Community Comments.** Anjanette Jones mentioned a bill that has been proposed to remove language that it doesn't require items to be educational in the library. She asked for people to reach out to their legislators. Anjanette will send information on the specific bill to Patrice Shaffer who will then forward it to the council. Some parents mentioned they appreciate having the virtual option for parent/teacher conferences.
- 9. Calendar/Future meeting dates. Specific calendar dates were sent out by Aaron Hunter in a previous email which was greatly appreciated. Specific time of the talent show will be sent out at a later time. Length of talent show is still being determined. The next meeting will be March 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. MOTION: Andrea Banks moved that "the meeting being adjourned". The motion was seconded and approved.

Adjourned 6:04 p.m.