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Hardin County Board of Education

Nannette S. Johnston, Superintendent

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Ms. Johnston and Members of the Board of Education:

The following annual report is submitted on behalf of James T. Alton Middle School:

2011-12 Council Membership:

Jama P. Bennett Principal/Chair

Katie Allen Teacher

Dan Mahon Teacher

Mark Roberts Teacher

Elizabeth Atcher Parent

Wanda Bradley Parent

Hoe Inn Yong Parent

# SUBCOMMITTEES and MEMBERSHIP

BUDGET:

Elannette Baker, Mary Baptiste, Mary Lou Emerine, Larissa Hatfield, Stephanie Macy, Rhonda Newton, Vasco Perry, Tami Pinson, Joyce Willow, Jennifer Wiseman (parent)

2011-12 Budget developed along with budgets for ESS, PD, and additional funding sources

DRESS CODE:

Krista Bradley(student), Vasco Perry, Kathy Dowdell (Parent), Mark

Roberts, Greg Sutton, Delvin White (student), Hayley Yourous

POSITIVIE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS/SUPPORTS (PBIS):

Angie Bender, Mary Lou Emerine, Larissa Hatfield, Erin Pearman, Jeff Lowman, Rhonda Newton, Anthony Durrant, Jessica Warren, Vasco Perry, Ben Stewart, Greg Sutton

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

PD was a unanimous decision school-wide. We will continue work on Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment as well as district initiatives. Technology will be a focus along with moving our PLCs to the next level.

READING:

Donna Miller, Katie Allen, Stephanie Macy, Meredith Davis, Jacinta Perkins, Amy Grinstead

# AREAS ADDRESSED:

Our school has continued to enhance Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. The following is an overview of items addressed, implemented and/or completed:

MAP Assessment administered in math/reading during the fall, winter, and spring for all students.

MAP results reviewed with the SBDM Council fall, winter, and spring.

Think Link Predictive Assessment System administered to sixth grade students fall, winter, and spring in reading and math.

Think Link Predictive Assessment administered to seventh grade students fall, winter, and spring in reading, math, science, and practical living/vocational studies.

Think Link Predictive Assessment administered to eighth grade students fall, winter, and spring in reading, math, social studies, and arts/humanities.

Think Link results reviewed with SBDM Council fall, winter, and spring.

KCCT data analysis completed school-wide, by each department

and reviewed with the SBDM Council

EXPLORE classes taught to all 8th grade classes

EXPLORE data reviewed with SBDM Council

Job Embedded PD implemented monthly – focus on curriculum, instruction, assessment, and technology

Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) created for all students/Student and parent ILP night hosted

Safe School simulations conducted

Reading/Match Coaches continued to work with students in

KSI/RTI

Behavior Interventionist utilized to implement PBIS school-wide

and to work with individual students/teams as needed.

In addition to the implementation of PBIS and the use of SWIS

data, we are utilizing ABE and Check/Connect to assist students

Instructional Program Specialist focused on MAP testing/data,

DISCOVERY classes, and additional school-wide data

Discovery class implemented in daily schedule in the form of

remediation/enrichment – Alton’s response to intervention

Student recognition assemblies held quarterly

Character Education program expanded with monthly student recognition

Common assessments were administered in all content areas and monitored for necessary adjustments in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

All common assessments went through a quality control process to determine alignment with standards – each content area was assigned to an administrator

Common Planning was instituted twice a month in order for teachers to work in grade level PLC’s

District wide PLD days initiated – these have continue to be extremely beneficial for our teachers

Professional Learning Community work continued school-wide

The book: “You Got to Reach Them to Teach Them” was utilized as a school-wide book study

Walk through observations continued with IPAD being utilized for additional data collection/feedback between administrators/teachers. Data was collected and reviewed monthly with teachers

Data was entered on all common assessments through the use

of a performance calculator (for quality control purposes since proficiency has not been defined)

Teachers analyzed common assessment data via the use of a unit reflection sheet. All binders were reviewed by an administrator with feedback provided to teachers

PAYDAY incentive continued and 300 students were rewarded at the end of the school year with a trip to Holiday World. Checkbook registers were donated by the Fort Knox Federal Credit Union

Two holiday dinners were hosted for families

Activities were coordinated for our school community through our Family Resource Youth Service Center

SECOND CHANCE program continued – “Not Doing IS NOT an Option!”

Parents/Teachers/Students for Progress (PTSP) held quarterly meetings that focused on student and school-wide needs

Dinner of Champions hosted prior to testing with U of L Sports

Trainer (former Alton student) and Vine Grove mayor, Blake

Proffitt as guest speakers

College night hosted for students/parents

Monthly technology training implemented for faculty/staff

members utilizing district technology integration specialists

**C/D. SUCCESSES and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Alton has been runner up in the district football championship

for two years in a row – they were undefeated this season and

in the lead 8 in state championship play

We have four teachers working directly with national presenter,

Marilyn Friend, on enhancing co-teaching

Our 8th graders took a trip to Washington, DC

Bullying awareness initiative was implemented

School-wide classes on agenda usage were implemented

35 students qualified for Duke TIP – 3 of them were special

needs students

Military unit from Fort Knox was assigned as a partner to our

school

Alton students continued to benefit from having a Military

Family Life Consultant

Kim Gibson – 6th grade science teacher applied for and

received two grants from Donor’s Choose.

Dan Mahon and Trevor Plessl – 8th grade SS teachers were

selected to pilot the use of cell phones/IPODS in the classroom

Alton students and staff beat TKStone in the reading

competition this year

Sophie Lilygren and Alexis Shelby received Outstanding

Speaker Awards at KYA

Madison Case was selected as President of the Senate for

KYA

Anaia Singleton, a 6th grade student, took 1st place in the

MLK Jr. Poetry Contest and her brother, Amaris, an 8th grader

took 3rd (They also had siblings that won at the elementary

level)

Stephanie Moore, an 8th grader, completed the ENTIRE

Carnegie course online over break at 72% proficiently – 1,089

math problems

Keith Fowler, a 7th grader, was selected to be a Page at the

Capitol building in March

Erin Pearman, a 6th grade science teacher, was selected to

serve on a focus committee to work with Jane Brashear

regarding an education Welcome Center – she was one of 14

across the state selected

Winter MAP scores indicated that in the 8th grade, 78 students

increased their reading scores by 5 points of more and 88

students increased their math scores by 5 points or more

Alton’s 8th grade boys basketball team captured the district

tournament

36 students received ALL distinguished on their KCCT scores

and were treated to a dinner at Colton’s

Two of our STLP students returned to state level competition

Mark Roberts won the Hardin County ExCel Award and we

celebrated with a school-wide recognition

Our speech/debate team qualified for state

Alton’s school community collected approximately 775 pairs of

jeans in our Teens for Jeans drive – exceeding our goal of 500

Sylvia Stuckey received the NATIONAL Carnegie Teacher of the

Year Award and was recognized at the May board meeting and

at the national conference in July

Seven students earned medals and honorable mention at the

WKU History Competition

Jeremy Randles won the Geography Bee

Ben Stewart was nominated for the 2012 National History

Teacher of the Year Award

Alton was the recipient of the Project Lead the Way Grant

Hayley Yourous received a Donor’s Choose grant

Makynzie Hummel placed 2nd in the Optimist Oratorical Contest

Parent Nights hosted on all teams

Clayton Hanson placed 1st in the district, 2nd in region, Brandon

Leak placed 2nd in the district, 3rd in the region, Isaac Nichols

Placed 1st in the district and second in the region in wrestling

Competition

Madison Case, an 8th grade student, had the leading role in the

play, *Annie*

Hannah Thompson, an 8th grade student, won the KMSA

Scholarship for Region 2

Jami Martinez, an 8th grade math teacher, was selected to serve

on a GRREC committee for the district – the committee focused

on the roll-out of new content standards

Ryan Neuman, health/PE teacher, was the recipient of a grant from Dow Corning

Ryan Neuman, health/PE teacher, also organized the first annual JTA/Vine Grove 5K run as his KTIP project – the event was very successful and plans are underway for 2012-13

JLC students participated in Education Week @ Towne Mall,

Elizabethtown Christmas Parade, Vine Grove Christmas Lighting

Ceremony, and First Annual College Education Day

Allison Sanders, art teacher, hosted art showcases for all grade

Levels

Elizabeth Lemons competed in LA and A/H competition at all levels – including state competition (Elizabeth was also featured in an article about state level competition in the NE)

Three students participated in Regional Academic Team competition

Fifteen students participated in District Academic Team Competition

Seven students participated in the 6th gr. Academic Showcase

Six 7th grade students participated in All-District Band

Eleven 8th grade students participate in All-District Band

Alton’s 8th grade band received a proficient rating at the KMEA

Concert Festival

Alton’s band was awarded 12 proficient solo medals, 2 proficient

ensemble medals, 22 distinguished solo medals, and 15

Distinguished ensemble medals at the KMEA Solo and Ensemble

Festival

Elrad Mulaney, a 7th grader, served on the Jr. Council on Diversity for the district

Alton students collected 698 canned goods for holiday assistance

Alton students wrote letters to soldiers serving overseas

Madison Case, an 8th grade students, organized a service project that focused on Feeding America, Habitat Restore, and Helping Hand

Jericha Salvante and Stephanie Moore had photos place in the state finals

Candace Cruz, Ms. Heartland, spoke to our 8th grade girls about self-confidence

Seven Alton students made the NH girls regional track team

Gary Elias won first place in the Optimist Club Oratorical Contest

Katie Allen, Alton’s LMS, was the recipient of a Donor’s Choose grant

Trent Johnson, a 6th grade student, represented Alton in the Kentucky Middle School Nationals wrestling competition

Five 8th grade students completed the entire Carnegie course in math

Student Attendance for school year: 95.61%

Teacher attendance for school year: 96.40%

EXPLORE – JTA exceeded the Benchmark in English

EXPLORE – JTA exceeded National in Math and Science and met the state

EXPLORE – the percent of 8th grade students who are “college ready” dropped in all areas except reading.

JTA’s NCLB 5 Year Growth Trend show continual progress in math

with a slight decrease in reading

MAP Data indicated increases in ALL grade levels in both reading and math

Comprehensive School Improvement Plan reviewed and amended

ILP’s were completed on all students

School-wide read project, “Crash,” continued for the third year

Collaboration with Fort Knox and Dever’s Teen Center continued

with monthly calendars being sent to parents

Volunteers donated approximately 270 hours of their time.

Team Newsletters sent to parents via email every two weeks

Parent Newsletter sent monthly

All SBDM Policies and Bylaws were reviewed, updated, and

adopted based on KASC feedback

Reference attached NEWS RELEASE regarding JTA and our

success with Sumdog.com

Various data continues to be collected and analyzed on a consistent basis and plans have been formulated for all PLC’s to move to the next level.

Our 2012-13 SBDM Council will be composed of the following individuals:

Jama Bennett Principal/Chair

Katie Allen Teacher

Mark Roberts Teacher

Ben Stewart Teacher

Gerald Kuykendall Parent

Pamela Pittman-Nance Parent

We look forward to continued collaboration as our faculty and staff strive to do “whatever it takes” to help ALL of our students experience success.

Respectfully submitted,

Jama P. Bennett

Principal/SBDM Chair