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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:

2012-13 Council Membership:

Jama P. Bennett Principal/Chair

Katie Allen Teacher

Mark Roberts Teacher

Ben Stewart Teacher

Gerald Kuykendall Parent

Pamela Nance-Pittman 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)

2012-13 Budget developed along with budgets for ESS, PD, and additional funding sources

DRESS CODE:

Karen Coons (parent), Jaylen Hurt, Drew Corder, Bethany Trotta,

Kyle Fowler (students), Elannette Baker, Cyndi Murray, Mary

Kuhlman, Jammie Tate, Vasco Perry, Rhonda Newton (teachers)

POSITIVIE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS/SUPPORTS (PBIS):

Angie Bender, Mary Lou Emerine, Erin Pearman, Jeff Lowman, Rhonda Newton, Jessica Warren, Vasco Perry, Ben Stewart, Fabian Bennett, Jacinta Perkins

# 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.

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 – Alton had the

greatest gains of all middle schools and our scores are the highest

they have ever been

At-Risk student data reviewed with council on an on-going basis

Read 180 was implemented with great success (as noted by

Increases in MAP scores)

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 assessment conducted by the Kentucky Center for School Safety

A buzzer system was installed at our front doors for added security

Reading/Math Coaches continued to work with students in

KSI/RTI (we were able to hire our math coach position back)

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

Funding allowed us to hire our JLC position for another year

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

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

Professional Learning Community work continued school-wide

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

Holiday dinner was 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 Jessica Bagby

(current U of L student and JTA alumni)

Monthly technology training implemented for faculty/staff

members utilizing district technology integration specialist

Writing Program Review was submitted as a part of our

Accountability

Dress Code was amended based on student, parent feedback

From constructed survey

End of Year parent survey indicated lots of positives for Alton

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

Our 8th graders took a trip to Atlanta, GA

Bullying awareness initiative is being implemented with great

results

Our bullying policy coordinator, Mark Roberts, worked with

Dale Mings in implementing bullying awareness and education

across the district by videotaping lessons, which were aired on

KET

JLC Students participated in several community service

Projects (Saunder’s Springs clean-up, Veteran’s Day

parade/activities). They also created a display for American

Education Week at the Towne Mall.

G/T Art students also displayed their work during American

Education Week at the Towne Mall.

SAIC donated 23,000 to JTA for the continued implementation

and enhancement of our PLTW class

A bone marrow drive was organized by Alton teachers to benefit

a student of ours who has Leukemia

Our school participated in a whole school read – *The Fourth*

*Stall*

KYA students had a bill passed at the conference and two

Students won speaker awards

STLP students competed at state competition in the area of

digital photography

Byron Witham, Alton’s band director was selected as Ashland

Oil Teacher of the Year – top 9 in the state

Kim Evans, Alton’s music Teacher, was selected as Hardin

County’s Excel Winner. This is the second year in a row that

an Alton teacher has received this honor

Alton hosted a guest speaker in conjunction with Veteran’s

Day – Tony Rose

Isaac Nichols, Clayton Hansen, Brock Horton, and Trenton

Johnson placed in their weight class at the state wrestling

Tournament

Drew Bollinger won the Iron Heart award for wrestling

Brandon Leak qualified and finished 3rd in the National

Wrestling competition

Benjamin Wilkins qualified for the state Archery competition

Katrina Raj won the Fort Knox Leadership Award

Anaya Singleton placed 2nd in the MLK Poetry Contest

Ashley Richason was a finalist in the Geography Bee

A trip to DC was sponsored by 6th grade teachers

Ms. Stuckey received a grant for 10 Bamboo tablets for use

with digital photography

Mary Lou Emerine receive 5 laptops free in conjunction with

a computer program she utilizes in her class

Students were surveyed in regards to the types of incentives

they would like to see offered school-wide

Several Alton teachers and students presented at the district

Technology showcase

Professional development in the area of student engagement

continued with John Antonneti

G/T students took a trip to Frankfort to explore the legislative

process

Alton’s 8th grade band received a proficient performance rating

and a distinguished sight reading rating at the KMEA

Concert Festival

Congressman Brett Guthrie met with 8th grade students in PL

Classes to celebrate their completion of a digital/financial

Literacy class on-line

230 Students attended our annual trip to Holiday World after

School was out (Payday incentive)

Three Alton students were recognized at the board meeting for

Receiving 2nd place in an E-Cyber mission during their

Discovery class.

Alton hosted a One Hour Revolution Celebration as a result of

a fantastic year between mentors/mentees

Alton students continued to benefit from having a Military

Family Life Consultant

Several Alton teachers applied for and received Donor’s Choose

grants.

Our PLTW class has begun!

Parent Nights hosted on all teams

Guest speakers included: Abraham Lincoln impersonator,

Trooper Chaffins (Internet Dangers), Rob Harris (author),

Antonio Stephens, Native American

Field Trips: PAC, Kentucky Derby Museum, Mr. Gatti’s,

Entire school attended Cirque Zuma Zuma as a result of Arts for

All funding

Three 8th grade band members marched with the NHHS Marching

Band during the 2012-13 season. The band won 1st place at the

BOA Regionals and won 2nd place at the Kentucky State Marching

Band finals

Four seventh graders and 12 eighth graders were members of

All-District band

Six sixth graders and 22 seventh graders were solo and ensemble

award winners

Alton had four 8th grade band members score proficient, seven distinguished soloists, and 4 distinguished ensembles at the Solo and Ensemble Festival

Academic team had three 6th graders, one 7th grader, and 7 8th graders compete at district level competition with 2 advancing to the region and one advancing to the state

Emilee Rayls had a role in the performance of Peter Pan at the PAC

Josh Kimble, an MMD student started designing greeting cards for the organization Joshua’s Friends

Yvonne Smallwood, an MMD student sang a solo in the talent show

Alton’s cheerleaders placed 1st in the region

Elrad Malunay and April Johnson, both 7th graders, served on the Jr. Council on Diversity for the district

Five 8th grade students, two 7th grade students, and one 6th grade student completed the entire Carnegie course in math

Student Attendance for school year: 95.61%

Teacher attendance for school year: 96.40%

ILP’s were completed on all students

Collaboration with Fort Knox and Dever’s Teen Center continued

with monthly calendars being sent to parents

Team Newsletters sent to parents via email every two weeks

Parent Newsletter sent monthly

Various data continues to be collected and analyzed on a consistent basis and plans are underway to move our PLC’s to the next level by utilizing our updated Smart Goals/Rubrics. Data will continue to be used for decision making.

Currently, our 2013-14 SBDM Council will be composed of the following individuals; however, we are in the process of conducting another election for a minority parent and teacher.

Jama Bennett Principal/Chair

Katie Allen Teacher

Mary Lou Emerine Teacher

Ben Stewart Teacher

Elizabeth Atcher Parent

David Bollinger Parent

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jama P. Bennett

Principal/SBDM Chair