

**James T. Alton Middle School SBDM Council Meeting
Monthly Meeting
September 13, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.**

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order - Ms. Cassady called the meeting to order at 4:00**
- 2. Recognition of Visitors - There were no visitors**
- 3. Opening Business**
 - a. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Ms. Crabtree; motion carried.**
 - b. Approval of August Minutes - Ms. Trueblood made a motion to approve the August minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Chaney; motion carried.**
 - c. Good News:**
 - i. All Students have taken IReady diagnostic and scores are encouraging - our new goal for this year is to grow our students on grade level by 15% in both reading and math.**
 - ii. Very Successful Back to School Dance - Over 300 students attended**
 - iii. Bus Evacuations**
 - iv. First Progress Reports went home on Friday - Saturday School will begin this weekend for academic credit recovery. It will be from 8:30 - 11:30.**
 - v. Picture Day**
 - vi. First PTSA General Meeting of the Year**
 - vii. JTA's Top Trojans Award - Will showcase students on our social media platforms.**
 - d. Public Comments - There were no public comments**
- 4. Planning**
 - a. Tailgate Party - Sept. 19 - PTSA will help support games for this event.**
 - b. Club Day - Sept. 29**
 - c. Student Council Elections - Hardin Co. will allow JTA to borrow voting machines. There will be 12 members of student council: 1 Pres, 1 VP, 1 Sec. and 3 representatives from each grade.**
- 5. Previous / Ongoing Business**
 - a. Council Bylaws - Discussion: The proposed bylaws match what was discussed in SBDM training. We should keep both sections IV and V on meeting attendance and removal of members. We should also make sure the agenda and minutes are posted on our school webpage. We will have a 2nd reading of the bylaws next month and vote.**
 - b. Discipline and Classroom Mgmt. Policy Discussion: Added purposes and beliefs, point system. Ms. Trueblood wanted to know if there was a way for parents to be notified every time a student received a point. Ms. Cassady explained that under the current system, that will be difficult because it would require teachers to call home every time, and that would be too arduous. However, she did research some programs over the summer that would do that for us. She opted to wait 1 more year because teachers were already learning the new SmartPass system and implementing Project Based Learning as well as increased PLC schedule, and she felt like adding one more thing would be too much for them to tackle at once. It is slated for possible implementation next school year. Ms. Crabtree made a motion to accept the Discipline and Classroom Mgmt. Policy. It was seconded by Mr. Barger; motion carried.**

- c. **Technology Utilization Policy - Ms. Cassady corrected the typo in the previous draft. Mr. Barger made a motion to accept the technology use policy. It was seconded by Ms. Crabtree; motion carried.**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. **Impact KY Working Conditions Survey - Mr. Barger volunteered to be the teacher coordinator of the survey. Council was in consensus that he should do it.**
 - b. **CSIP Phase I Complete - This includes that signed statement by the principal, the school safety report, and the executive summary. Mr. Barger suggested that we add information about athletic programs and clubs.**
 - c. **Review Budget Reports - Ms. Carr presented the JTA budget reports. She explained that we have experienced cuts in PPA, Title I, and we will receive no more ESSER funds. This means that JTA will have to tighten its belt. Copies are one of JTA's biggest expenditures every year. The contract for the copier company will be up for renewal later this year. It is possible that we can save some money there. Ms. Chaney made a motion to accept the budget reports. It was seconded by Ms. Howell; motion carried.**
- 7. Adjournment - Ms. Trueblood made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Ms. Howell; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM**

Members Present:
Danielle Cassady - chairman
Erin Ritter
Lawson Barger
Jamie Chaney
Amanda Trueblood
Morgan Crabtree
Madison Howell

Members Absent:
Iesha Eaton

Next Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 18 @ 4:00