

James T. Alton Middle School SBDM Council Meeting
Monthly Meeting
July 16, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order - Ms. Cassady called the meeting to order at 4:05
2. Recognition of Visitors
 - a. Ms. Coleman
3. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda - Mrs. Ritter made a motion to approve today's agenda. It was seconded by Ms. Hester. Motion carried by consensus.
 - b. Approval of June Minutes - Ms. Hester made a motion to approve June's minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Strickland. Motion carried by consensus.
 - c. Good News:
 - i. STEM Camp - Ms. Ritter said that it rained a lot during STEM camp this year, so they had to move many of the activities indoors, but the students still had a great time. They made solar ovens, homemade ice cream and were able to go fishing.
 - ii. Quiz Bowl Team took 5th in the nation at the National BETA convention; Isaac Prather-Rogers got 6 in social studies
 - d. Public Comments
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4. Planning
 - a. Jump Start Camp next week
 - b. Interviews for Science, social studies, and ELA. Ms. Cassady also added that she received a resignation from Ms. Cline today, so we will also need a PASS coach.
 - c. Trojan Fest - July 23
 - d. Open House - July 29
 - e. PDs - Week of July 28- Aug. 1
 - f. First Day for Student - Aug. 7
 - g. Mr. Barger mentioned that HCEA is partnering with Ms. Morgan to do a rally in support of public education on Aug. 3 from 6 - 7:30 PM. Everyone will meet at JHHS. The Lt. The governor and Radcliff mayor have been invited to attend as well.
5. Previous / Ongoing Business
 - a. Needs Assessment/ CSIP - Ms. Cassady gave the members a copy of last year's CSIP and explained that there are deadlines beginning in October for the creation of the new CSIP. The CSIP determines how Title I money can be spent, so we will need to begin working on our school's needs assessment soon.
6. New Business
 - a. Regular Meeting Dates and Times - The council decided on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:30 PM for regular meeting times.
 - b. Collect dates of completed/anticipated council member trainings.
 - c. Council members receive the following documents:
 - *The Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Act*
 - *Managing Government Records*
 - *Proof of Receipt*
 - d. AED Policy Review - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve the AED policy as written. It was seconded by Ms. Ritter. Motion carried by consensus.
 - e. News Enterprise Feature - Ms. Cassady said that the News Enterprise is going to do a feature article on each school, and she has been invited to share what is special about

JTA. She asked for input from the council on this. Discussion involved our staff's commitment to student success and well-being. JTA is also very involved with military families. We routinely recognize students for positive things. We have a great VEX robotics program, a very successful academic team, our quiz bowl team just took 6th place in the nation. We have a great extracurricular sports program at JTA as well as band programs. JTA had 2 teacher pilot portrait of a learner this year, and they will train the staff on the new requirements for students. This program will help students become more engaged in their own learning. Project-based learning is also a high priority at JTA, which helps to keep students engaged. This year, JTA will go a step further with this and incorporate cross-curricular units so students and staff can work collaboratively on units, which will be more engaging and help build community.

- f. New Hires for 2025-26 School Year: Sydney Reynolds (math), Kristen Atterberry (office mgr.) - Ms. Ritter made a motion to approve the new hires. It was seconded by Ms. Hester. Motion carried by consensus.
7. Adjournment - Motion was made by Mr. Barger to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Hester. Motion carried by consensus. Meeting adjourned at 4:45

Members Present:

Danielle Cassady- chairman
Erin Ritter
Kimberly Jordan
Erin Hester
Lawson Barger
Shanda Strickland

Absent:

The next Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 13 @ 4:30 pm.