

**James T. Alton Middle School SBDM Council Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**November 12, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order - Ms. Cassady called the meeting to order at 4:09pm.**
  - a. **Welcome Mr. Edwards**
  - b. **Community Agreements**
2. **Recognition of Visitors**
  - a. **No visitors were present.**
3. **Opening Business**
  - a. **Approval of Agenda - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve today's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion carried by consensus.**
  - b. **Approval of September Minutes - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve September's minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.**
  - c. **Good News:**
    - i. **Truancy Diversion Program Attendance is up.**
    - ii. **Fun Fridays - Huge success.**
    - iii. **Trojan Store - Students enjoyed the experience.**
    - iv. **Spirit Days - High participation and excitement among students.**
    - v. **Pep Rally - Successful first rally of the year; enjoyed by students and staff.**
    - vi. **Raptor Training - All staff trained with no issues reported.**
    - vii. **Intern Teachers completed Cycle I - Successfully completed Cycle I.**
    - viii. **Trojans on Track - Low attendance but still considered successful.**
    - ix. **Red Ribbon Week - High student participation.**
    - x. **Halloween in the Halls - Slightly lower turnout due to competing community events, but attendees enjoyed it.**
    - xi. **Candy Drive - Mr. Roberts organized a successful, friendly house competition.**
    - xii. **Book Fair - Strong student interest and good sales; thanks to Ms. Varela.**
    - xiii. **New Teacher Induction - Cassady met with all new teachers. Taught them things such as the use of IC Messenger. All in all went well.**
    - xiv. **Title I Parent Night/ Chili Supper/ Student-Led Conferences - Successful event; discussion noted by Mr. Edwards that students may need time to adjust to leading conferences.**
    - xv. **End of Trimester 1 - Strong start to the school year.**
    - xvi. **Newspaper Class published first two editions of Trojan News**
    - xvii. **Angie Bender - Provided numerous food donations for staff; outstanding support.**
    - xviii. **Student Council Elections - new council - Newly elected members appear to be doing well.**
    - xix. **Bean Stack Book Challenge - Many prizes awarded.**
    - xx. **Sweet Caroline in the hallways - Students seemed to enjoy this.**
    - xxi. **Veterans Day Breakfast - Excellent turnout and well-received program, including the band performance.**
    - xxii. **Wrapped up girls basketball season - TA hosted the tournament, and visiting coaches were pleased with hospitality.**
  - d. **Public Comments**
    - i. **Edwards stated the Academic Team took 2nd in the District at Heartland League.**

#### 4. Planning

- a. Food Drive - Ms. Jordan suggested exploring additional ways to teach students about giving back to the community. Ms. Cassady agreed.
- b. End of Trimester Reward to Sky's the Limit - Planned trip to Sky's the Limit to motivate students.
- c. Make up Picture Day - Friday
- d. Test Scores coming out soon
- e. Holiday Meal - Nov. 20 (6th Grade) - 7th and 8th grade will participate in December.
- f. A Christmas Carol field trip - Dec. 4 - Whole school will attend this. Edwards suggested making this a "Dress to Impress" Spirit Day and to have lessons on theater etiquette.
- g. Career Fair - 8th Grade - Dec. 5
- h. Jazz Band Concert - Dec. 8 - (Canceled).
- i. Beginning Band Concert - Dec. 10
- j. Orchestra Concert - Dec. 11

#### 5. Previous / Ongoing Business

- a. Mr. Walsh was hired as new 7th grade math teacher. Ms. Skeeters hired as new Admin. Secretary. Both are considered strong hires, with Mr. Walsh already offering positive ideas.

#### 6. New Business

- a. Review Accidents for month of October
- b. CSIP - Needs Assessment and Assurances - Big takeaways include things are getting better: instruction is improving and staff are getting better at being responsive. Mr. Barger made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion carried by consensus.
- c. Review Achievement Data (IReady) - Cassady please with the data. Remarked on the big opportunity for the students in yellow and encouraged a focus on those students.
- d. Budget Report - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.
- e. Policy Reviews
  - i. Assignment of Instructional and Non-Instructional Time - Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.
  - ii. Student Assignment - Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.

Goal 1: Increase the percentage of students meeting projected growth on IReady Reading from 57.44% in Spring 2025 to 62.44% by Spring 2026.

Goal 2: The percent of students who are on or above grade level (dark green bar) in math will increase from 12.31 in spring of 2025 to 17.31 in spring of 2026.

#### 7. Adjournment - Motion was made by Ms. Jordan to adjourn the

meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion carried by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.