

James T. Alton Middle School SBDM Council Meeting
Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order – Ms. Cassady called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.
 - a. Community Agreements - Read Aloud by Mr. Barger.
2. Recognition of Visitors
 - a. No visitors were present at this meeting.
3. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.
 - b. Approval of December Minutes – Mr. Barger made a motion to approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion carried by consensus.
 - c. Good News:
 - i. Trojan Auction - Went well, seems to keep students excited about earning Bucks. They received their auction items and it was a successful event.
 - ii. Orchestra Concert – Ms. Cassady remarked that she enjoyed the performance and it appeared our guests did too. The students performing demonstrated an amazing ability and skill set which she attributes to the wonderful way they are being instructed by Dr. Miller.
 - iii. IReady Diagnostic - Ms. Jordan remarked that she liked it taking place during WIN class. Mr. Barger agreed that it seemed more organized and productive for students doing it this way.
 - iv. Concert and Symphonic Band Concert - Both were successful events held here at the school.
 - v. Christmas Shopping Trip - 10 students were taken for shopping and lunch. It was a great way for our FRYSC Coordinator, Counselors, and staff to pour back into our students in need.
 - vi. Christmas Holiday Meal – Well attended; parents were very pleased.
 - vii. Snack Cart - Students enjoyed this.
 - viii. Fun Friday - Another successful day of fun for our students.
 - ix. PL Day #3 - Writing Focus - Mr. Edwards remarked that he felt it was a very productive day and appreciated the way Ms. Cassady presented the material and was engaged with the staff.
 - x. Used Raptor for all drills - First attempt at exclusively using the new Raptor system for drills. Ms. Cassady stated there were a few small kinks but we are headed in the right direction.
 - xi. District Learning Walks - Ms. Cassady felt this overall went well, looking forward to the next Learning Walk focused on the math team.
 - xii. First year teachers completed cycle II - Ms. Cassady remarked that Ms. Coleman and Ms. Barber are both rocking it.
 - d. Public Comments
 - i. There were no public comments to add.
4. Planning
 - a. Winter Dance on Friday
 - b. Jan. 21 is National Sweatpants Day - we will use this as a reward day for beating Meadowview elementary in the attendance competition. Students may also have their cellphones out at lunch this day. Staff may also participate in sweatpants, and we will have chili in the workroom.

- c. 8th Grade Field Trip to NHHS - Jan. 23
 - d. Writing Scrimmage - Jan. 26 - Mr. Edwards requested details on how the day will be scheduled. Ms. Cassady stated there will be a modified schedule for WIN and 1st period.
 - e. 100th Day of School - Jan. 26 - staff and students can dress up like 100 year olds
 - f. 8th Grade 1:1 Scheduling - Jan. 28
 - g. Math Learning Walks - Jan. 29
 - h. 6th Grade Field Trip to Percy Jackson - Feb. 5
 - i. Superbowl Potluck - Feb. 6
5. Previous / Ongoing Business
- a. Extra-Curricular Programs Policy - changes made to Requirements for eligibility - No objections by the council to the policy revisions.
6. New Business
- a. Review Accidents for month of December
 - b. Policy Reviews
 - i. Writing - The existing JTA policy and the HCS policy were both reviewed. The council agreed that we should update the writing policy. Ms. Cassady will begin a revision and draft to present at the next meeting.
 - ii. Parent and Family Engagement - Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.
7. Staffing: Mercedes Deans to replace Mr. Baker in LI Room; Herman Torres - assistant baseball coach; Need long-term sub in art room to replace Ms. Stith.
8. Adjournment - Motion was made by Mr. Barger to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.

Members Present:

Danielle Cassady- Chairman
Kimberly Jordan
Lawson Barger
Ben Edwards

Absent:

Erin Hester
Shanda Strickland

The next Meeting is scheduled for February 11th @ 4:30 pm.