

James T. Alton Middle School SBDM Council Meeting
Monthly Meeting
March 11, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order 4:31pm
 - a. Community Agreements Edwards
2. Recognition of Visitors
 - a. Megan Varella - library report
 - b. Lamar Payne - Presented Continuation Program Plan for FRYSC
3. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda barger 1st jordan 2nd
 - b. Approval of February Minutes edwards 1st jordan 2nd
 - c. Good News:
 - i. Field Trips: Seusical, Stage One - Percy Jackson, Chocolate lab - Schaefers
 - ii. Band - visited elementary schools
 - iii. John Brown - 1st place at the Indiana State Archery Championship S3DA score of 148/150!
 - iv. Lego Competition
 - v. Title I Student Exhibitions
 - vi. Ronin Gardner, Logan Clark, James Dunnigan placed Top 5 at Wrestling Regionals, earning their spot to compete at state. Levi Jewell 1st Place wrestling State Champion!
 - vii. Malibu Jacks
 - viii. Academic Team - Regional Runner up
 - ix. Beta Convention - Garrett Fruth – 2nd Place, Fitness & Health Academic Test; Isaac Prather Rogers – 1st Place, Social Studies; Quiz Bowl Team – 5th Place after a tough bracket...and they QUALIFIED FOR NATIONALS!; Molly Knapp – Premier Performer
 - x. All State Band - Kayleigh Denzik and Alaiyna Tejedor
 - xi. Spelling Bee - Isaac Prather Rodgers advancing to regionals
 - xii. End of Trimester 2
 - d. Public Comments
 - i. Varela library update: showed total circulation this year vs last. Recognized Cora tucker for borrowin 83 books so far this year. 186 books weeded out and are always placed outside the library for free for students to take. Added 161 new books. She reviewed top titles, grade level checkout stats, top genres (graphic novels and fantasy). She has a book club every week. She reviewed the goals of the program. Average daily tech touches 14 daily. Plans to purchase and things to discuss for next year, plans for chromebook.
 - ii. Payne reviewed the continuation plan that must be completed every 2 years. There are 3 components they review and some items they have planned to support these initiatives are:
 - a. He plans to coordinate with other FRYSC to have back to school fests where community vendors set up for families to come and learn about the different resources available in teh community.
 - b. They will distribute food baskets to supplement support in needs of hardship.

4. Planning
 - a. Saturday School - students failing for the year.
 - i. Cassidy talked to several parents, most seem very grateful that we are working to help them pass
 - b. Dance - this Friday
 - c. WKU Job Fair - this Friday
 - i. Cassadys objective is to attend and return with an Art Teacher
 - d. Lunch School Board Mtg @ JTA - March 19
 - i. They plan to get lunch from cafeteria and eat in the library
 - e. Ms. Morgan visiting - March 20
 - f. Book Fair - March 19 - 27
 - g. Reality Fair - March 27 for 8th graders, community partners come in to support this event
 - h. Large Ensemble Assessment @ PAC - March 30
 - i. This does not count for KSA Testing, but it is the big assessment for band
 - i. Spring Break
5. Previous / Ongoing Business
 - a. Preliminary allocations for next school year (cont.)
 - i. Special Ed.
 1. They are doing away with the HSBP program in middle and high schools.
 - ii. Interventionist - we must MTSS all students below 25th percentile
 - iii. Instructional Coach
 - b. Online licenses for next year (cont.)
 - i. IXL - all 4 content areas, NoRedInk, TCI: History Alive = Yes
 - ii. NewsELA = No
 - iii. Kessler Science, Generation Genius, BrainPop = Maybe
6. New Business
 - a. Review Accidents for month of February
 - b. Projected PPA budget for 2026-2027 School Year
 - i. Barger 1st edwards 2nd
 - c. Edwards requested an add to new business: Scheduling. He is presenting an idea from Howell to reshape the WIN class to be more utilized for school clubs/study hall instead of for just iReady. This would allow more intentional scheduling for WIN class. With PASS going away this would be a great opportunity to have a quiet small class size to structure their day. Cassidy remarked that she like the idea. Jordan suggested also looking into moving Advisory/WIN to 3rd period. Cassidy stated she would bring this up to the Admin team. However, we would not be able to get all students fed during a 30 min. WIN period. She presented an alternative plan to possibly rotate lunch times so the same class isn't the one being affected all year long.
7. Staffing: Jenny Stuecker to serve as new Assistant Principal, still looking to fill art, and 2 science positions
8. Adjournment
 - a. Jordan 1st barger 2nd

Members Present:
Danielle Cassidy- Chairman
Kimberly Jordan
Lawson Barger
Ben Edwards

Erin Hester
Absent: Shanda Strickland

The next Meeting is scheduled for April
15 @ 4:30 pm.