

James T. Alton Middle School SBDM Council Meeting
Monthly Meeting
April 15, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order - Ms. Cassady called the meeting to order at 4:30
 - a. Community Agreements - Read by Mr. Barger
2. Recognition of Visitors
3. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda 1. Jordan, 2. Edwards
 - b. Approval of March Minutes 1. Edwards 2. Barger
 - c. Good News:
 - i. Spring Dance
 - ii. March School Board Luncheon at JTA
 - iii. Book Fair
 - iv. Reality Store
 - v. Spirit Week
 - vi. Band Large Ensemble Assessment - Proficient
 - vii. Interns finished Cycle III - Success!
 - viii. New Intercom System installed - The intercom system's volume needs to be adjusted. Teachers are saying that they can barely hear it, and in the 6th grade hallway it cannot be heard at all. Ms. Cassady said she would get with Mr. Montgomery about this.
 - d. Public Comments
4. Planning
 - a. Purple Up Day - April 20 - This is to recognize our students with active duty military parents.
 - b. Defenses of Learning - April 21
 - c. SBDM Teacher Elections - April 22
 - d. 5th grade visits - April 22-23
 - e. Fun Friday - April 24
 - f. IReady Diagnostic #3 - April 27-28 - We will be on a modified schedule both days.
 - g. KSA Goal Setting - April 27 - This will happen after IReady.
 - h. Testing Assembly - April 29 - This is tentative pending bleacher completion
 - i. No Novice Reward - April 29 - We will be getting the freshman class back for this. It will be a Bingo game with prizes.
 - j. KSA Testing - April 30 - May 8
 - k. Math Honors Test (6th Grade) - May 6
 - l. IReady Rewards - May 8 - Ms. Atterberry will purchase something to give to students as an immediate reward for meeting their goal. Students who meet their goal in 1 area will get a free period outside on May 8. All grade levels will go at the same time (6th period). Students who meet their goal in both areas will receive free tech time at lunch. We will have wristbands for them so we can easily see who has earned the reward.
 - m. Trojan Auction - May 11 -13
 - n. End of Trimester Reward (Sportsplex) - May 14
 - o. House of the Year Field Trip (Golf) - May 15
 - p. Band Concert for Student Body (6th period) - May 15 -Courtesy of Nick Carlson
 - q. Field Day/Grad Walk - May 18 - Time they come is not flexible. They may need to walk through the football field.

- r. 8th Grade Field Trip (Freeman Lake) - May 20
 - s. Last Day/ Awards Day/ Talent Show - May 21
 - t. Bank Day (School-wide PBL) - May 22 - Will be first PBL of next school year. It will be on bullying. The data from student and parent surveys suggest there is a bullying issue at JTA. While Ms. Cassady disagrees, she says there is clearly a perception issue. This PBL should help with that. It will also help with the issue of respect for other cultures.
 - u. Bank Day (Holiday World) - May 26 - Cassady has some fun things planned for staff who stay behind.
 - v. Bank Day (District Planning) - May 27 - Will be with content
 - w. Closing Day for Teachers - May 28
5. Previous / Ongoing Business
- a. Online licenses for next year (cont.)
 - i. Brainpop
 - ii. Character Strong
 - iii. WhyTry
 - iv. Diffit
 - v. IXL
 - vi. TCI
 - vii. NoRedInk
6. New Business
- a. Review Accidents for month of March
 - b. Schedule for 2026-27 - Pretty much the same as this year - 6 Pd. day - adding JROTC, Choir - 1. Barger 2. Edwards. Mr. Edwards suggested rotating 6th period interruptions because that class tends to get shorted for time quite a bit.
 - c. Professional Development Plan 1. Barger 2. Edwards Mr. Edwards suggested reviewing the points system for next school year with staff. Teachers are particularly interested in revising point 4 (RESET)
 - d. CSIP Diagnostic 4 1. Edwards 2. Barger
7. Staffing: Lenora Warren - science (will also take over for Cunningham for remainder of this school year starting April 20), Samuel Lipps - Science, Betsy Woodruff - Art
8. Adjournment 1. Jordan 2. Edwards

Members Present:

Danielle Cassady- Chairman
 Kimberly Jordan
 Lawson Barger
 Ben Edwards

Absent:

Erin Hester
 Shanda Strickland

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