

James T. Alton Middle School SBDM Council Meeting
Monthly Meeting
September 10, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order - Ms. Cassady called the meeting to order at 4:34pm.
2. Recognition of Visitors
 - a. No visitors
3. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda - Ms. Hester made a motion to approve today's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Barger. Motion carried by consensus.
 - b. Approval of August Minutes - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve August's minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.
 - c. Good News:
 - i. WhyTry training: E. Ritter, Troutman, B. Edwards, N. Ritter, Cassady - Ms. Cassady discussed the purpose of the training which provided instruction on a more targeted approach to big behavior concerns and how we plan to implement what they learned here at JTA.
 - ii. Apex fundraiser = \$33,692.42 / 2 = \$16,846.21! - Ms. Cassady reviewed the results and remarked on its huge success.
 - iii. First Trojan Family Forum - Cassady stated while it was a small group in attendance for our first one she felt it was a success. She discussed what was covered in the meeting to include a focus on i- Ready, Portrait of a Learner, and bullying.
 - iv. Back to School Dance - Ms. Cassady remarked on the large number of students in attendance and how the minimal behavior issues made the first dance a success.
 - v. IReady Diagnostic #1 is done - Ms. Cassady stated this is now complete and she is still sifting through the data.
 - vi. ELA teachers trained in NoRedInk Writing - Ms. Cassady remarked on how she received a great response from the teachers to this new training.
 - vii. District Learning Walks - Ms. Cassady stated we received good feedback from these including positive feedback on good instructional practices and intentional learning in the classrooms.
 - viii. Picture Day - Ms. Cassady stated this went off without a hitch.
 - ix. First Progress Report going home today
 - x. High Attendance Day yesterday - Ms. Cassady stated this was a great day! Students and staff seemed to have fun with the pep rally and kickball tournament.
 - xi. Schaefer's kids at Adventure Camp
 - xii. Girls basketball - 8th grade night
 - xiii. Football team brought home the Trojan Head trophy
 - xiv. Lots of great instruction happening
 - d. Public Comments
 - i. Ms. Jordan and Mr. Barger remarked on the apparent success of the new newsletter and how it seems to be a big hit.
4. Planning
 - a. Saturday School - Ms. Cassady explained the academic purpose of this and how it is not being looked at as a punishment but as an academic intervention for students who are failing.

- b. Student Council Elections - Sept. 23 - Mr. Barger talked about how students are collecting endorsements from teachers to be considered for the ballot. He plans to meet with the students running and touch on proper campaign etiquette. Ballots will be separated by house and grade.
 - c. Trojan Family Forum - Sept. 29 - IReady diagnostic? - Ms. Cassady would like to host the next meeting in the evening and wants to invite specific parents who can gain something from hearing the results of i-Ready diagnostic.
 - d. JTA Store - Sept. 29
- 5. Previous / Ongoing Business
 - a. Needs Assessment/ CSIP - Parent Survey Results - Ms. Cassady reviewed the results of the survey. Everyone was in consensus that we received some good feedback but would like to see more participation from a larger number of parents.
 - b. Community Agreements - Updated community agreements were reviewed and put to a vote. Ms. Jordan made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Hester. Motion carried by consensus.
 - c. Collect dates of completed/anticipated council member training. - Ms. Hester and Mr. Barger provided dates of upcoming training.
 - d. Review Committee Policy - Proposed Changes - Feedback from teachers is that they like how intentional the committees are. Mr. Barger made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Hester. Motion carried by consensus.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Alignment with State Standards Policy - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.
 - b. Instructional Practices Policy - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Hester. Motion carried by consensus.
 - c. Wellness Policy - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Ms. Jordan. Motion carried by consensus.
 - d. Special Election to Replace Ms. Ritter - Ms. Cassady stated we received only one candidate but we will still go through the election process.
 - e. Staffing: Ms. Stuecker to act as interim AP effective Monday, Sept. 15; Need a replacement for Ms. Thoma in November; Ms. Williams will be back on Monday; Science position is posted - Cunningham will sub
 - f. New Hires: Nicholas Warder - social studies; Fallon Colston - Special ed.; Shaune Williams - ELA - Ms. Jordan made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Barger. Motion carried by consensus.
- 7. 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 5:45pm.

Members Present:

Danielle Cassady- Chairman

Kimberly Jordan

Erin Hester

Lawson Barger

Absent:

Shanda Strickland

Empty Seat

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