

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.