

James T. Alton Middle School SBDM Council Meeting
Monthly Meeting
May 13, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. **Call to Order - Ms. Cassady called the meeting to order at 3:35**
 - a. **Community Agreements - Read by Mr. Edwards**
2. **Recognition of Visitors**
3. **Opening Business**
 - a. **Approval of Agenda - Ms. Hester made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion carried by consensus.**
 - b. **Approval of April Minutes - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve the April minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Hester. Motion carried by consensus.**
 - c. **Good News:**
 - i. **Purple Up Day**
 - ii. **Madison Howell - Vibrant Learner Award for Active Collaborator**
 - iii. **POL Defenses**
 - iv. **5th Grade Visits**
 - v. **Distinguished Dinner**
 - vi. **Superintendent's Advisory Council - 8th grade**
 - vii. **Superintendent's Advisory Council - service project**
 - viii. **KSA Goal Setting**
 - ix. **All District Band - Performance at Campbellsville University**
 - x. **IReady Diagnostic**
 - xi. **No Novice Bingo**
 - xii. **School Aide Assembly**
 - xiii. **Fun Thursday**
 - xiv. **KSA Testing**
 - xv. **Staff Appreciation Week**
 - xvi. **Band and Orchestra Concerts**
 - xvii. **Trojan Auction**
 - xviii. **VGE KSA Awards**
 - xix. **Big Smiles**
 - xx. **SBDM Parent Elections**
 - xxi. **SBDM Teacher Elections**
 - d. **Public Comments**
4. **Planning**
 - a. **End of Trimester Reward to sportsplex tomorrow**
 - b. **Team of the Year trip to Cosmic Golf - Friday**
 - c. **8th Grade Dance - Friday**
 - d. **Field Day - Monday**
 - e. **Grad Walk - Monday**
 - f. **Kona Ice - Monday**
 - g. **8th Grade Picnic - Wednesday**
 - h. **6th and 7th grade awards day - Wednesday (12:30 / 1:30) - Ms. Jordan said we need a time buffer between the 6th and 7th grade ceremonies, so parents are not waiting in line to enter the gym. She suggested taking the 6th graders out the back door after their awards ceremony, so the 7th graders could file in quickly.**
 - i. **Last Day for Students - Thursday, May 21**
 - j. **Talent Show - Thursday @ 8:30 AM**

- k. 8th Grade Awards Day - Thursday @ 1
- l. Bank Day #1 - May 22 - PBL Planning - Mr. Barger said that Mr. Lipps would like to attend the PBL bank day. Ms. Warren who is currently serving as a long-term substitute would also like to attend. Ms. Cassady said that she would check with Mr. Lawson about whether or not this could be allowed seeing as neither has processed to JTA yet.
- m. Bank Day #2 / Holiday World Trip - May 26
- n. Bank Day #3 - District Planning - May 27
- o. Closing Day - May 28
- 5. Previous / Ongoing Business
 - a. Master Schedule for 2026-2027 - Mr. Edwards said he felt that getting the schedule to staff early would alleviate some of their anxiety over the unknown for next school year. He also mentioned that there was no Honors social studies on the schedule for 8th grade. Ms. Cassady said she would look into that.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Review Accidents for month of March
 - b. ESS Proposal for Next School Year - Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the ESS proposal for next school year. Mr. Barger seconded the motion. Motion carried by consensus
 - c. Emergency Management Plan - Mr. Barger made a motion to approve the emergency management plan as written. Ms. Hester seconded the motion. Motion carried by consensus.
- 7. Newly Elected SBDM Members
 - a. Lawson Barger - Teacher, Ben Edwards - Teacher, Mark Roberts - Teacher, Edward Palmer - Parent, Jessica Ames - Parent. These members will start their tenure in July.
- 8. Staffing: Echo Bowen - Math - Ms. Hester made a motion to approve Ms. Bowen. Mr. Barger seconded the motion. Motion carried by consensus.
- 9. Adjournment - Ms. Hester made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Barger. Motion carried by consensus. Meeting adjourned at 3:59.

Members Present:

Danielle Cassady- Chairman

Kimberly Jordan

Lawson Barger

Ben Edwards

Erin Hester

Absent:

Shanda Strickland

The next Meeting is scheduled for June 10th @ 4:30 pm.