

## **Jasper County Board of Education**

### **Meeting Minutes**

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**JCPS SGT meeting  
01/29/2019 06:30 PM**

JCPS media center

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by James Hays. A motion was made to call the motion to order by Regina Jackson and Andrea Crowe made a second. All SGT members agreed. Members present included: Regina Jackson, J. Ross Hays, Andrea Crowe, Stephanie Babb, Kelly Coady, Jehan Eljournbagy, and Pam Edge was present as the principal. There were two guests present including June Jackson- school nurse at JCPS and WP and Amanda Jenkins- STEAM lead teacher at JCPS.

#### **II. Pledge and Invocation**

The pledge was recited and Pam Edge completed the invocation.

#### **III. Approval of the Agenda (Action)**

#### **IV. Consent Agenda Items (Action)**

A motion was made by James Hays to approve the agenda as presented and also to approve the Nov. 27th minutes as presented. Kelly Coady made a second to approve the agenda as presented and to approve the Nov. 27th minutes as presented. All SGT members were in agreement.

- i. meeting minutes from November 27,2018

#### **V. Principal's Report**

- i. Data Review for FY 19 MAP (winter), Attendance

Mrs. Edge did spend some time reviewing MAP reading and math MAP scores compared to the Fall of 2018. Great gains were made in reading and math. There was an exception for 1st grade reading. These students were scoring well in the Fall of 2018 and did not make as great of gains as anticipated for winter of 2018. Reading tutors have been put in place to assist with this as well. Also, Mrs. Ravenel and Mrs. Mandi Allen are working with our literacy grant to expand some great hands on activities and to provide

additional reading support for our students in 1st grade. We are proud of the work of 1st grade and we are still at the national percentile in reading compared throughout the nation. The rigor must be addressed in 1st grade reading and Mrs. Edge is confident that will be done as we move into Spring testing. We also developed a phonics kit to go along with our current Animated Literacy and the 1st grade teachers believe this will be a huge help as well.

Mrs. Edge shared the subpopulations chart for reading and math with demographics including white, black, Hispanic, and our mixed students. We even reviewed the break down of boys vs. girls in reading and math for all grade levels. Mrs. Edge reviewed the Growth targets that MAP projects for all subjects and all grade level levels based off of Fall scores. JCPS met all growth targets according to MAP projections.

Great data that Mrs. Edge shared included the data from our 29 students that received tutoring from our community partners. 66% of our students in 2nd grade that received reading tutoring were at the 50th percentile or higher in reading. 72% of those 29 students met their growth in reading.

#### ii. Continuous Improvement Planning

As we review our data... we will continue to build and revise our current improvement plan for FY 20.

### VI. SGT Chair Report

#### i. New Business

##### a. Meeting Dates- see calendar

Our next meeting date is planned for Feb. 26th at 6:30 in our media center. We will need to begin our serious budget discussions and any ideas to improve our summer school for the summer of 2019.

##### b. Update on illness- June Jackson

Nurse June Jackson was present. She described her day to day operations and her extensive list of items and tasks she completes daily. She also expressed an interest in leading more clinics dealing with handwashing, using the water fountain correctly, etc. We discussed the need to having a full time nurse and how beneficial that would be for JCPS. We discussed how epidemic lice and flu are as well. She shared several

of the forms she sends home regarding illnesses with the SGT. She answered questions for the SGT members.

c. Attendance information from Mrs. Swarner and Dr. Fendley

Dr. Fendley will be at our next SGT meeting to discuss her meeting with the Department of Juvenile Justice. Mrs. Edge reviewed the attendance data presented to the BOE for the month of Jan. compared to FY 18. Mrs. Edge also shared data from Mrs. Swarner regarding attendance data from JCPS. The SGT did have a question regarding tardies. Can we hold parents accountable for repeat tardies? Dr. Fendley can answer when she attends the next SGT meeting. Mrs. Edge shared the data Mrs. Swarner collected on half days and how many absences we have on those days. JCPS SGT is not in favor of half days due to day care and now with these attendance issues.

d. STEAM updates from Mrs. Jenkins and ideas from SGT on STEAM projects

Mrs. Jenkins was present to review current STEAM components including the gardens, STEAM lab, STEAM monthly challenges, science fairs, etc.. The SGT would love to see more recycling here at JCPS. We will start small but recycling will become a theme here at JCPS in future years including composting. Mrs. Edge will ask Mrs. Dusti Whitener to come to our next SGT meeting on Feb. 26th and have some of the students model the activities that take place in our awesome STEAM lab daily! Mrs. Eljournbagy would like to put Mrs. Jenkins in touch with GCSU and their office of sustainability. She will get that number and share with Mrs. Jenkins. They may can assist with any recycling projects we consider.

e. County mascot or name discussion

Mrs. Edge explained there is some discussion on the overall name or theme of Jasper County. Are we the Jasper County Hurricanes or Monticello Hurricanes. The JCPS SGT did not have any specific thoughts.. however JCPS does want to be identified as the JCPS Little Canes. We did feel the "M" represents Jasper County.

f. Budget planning process- renovations, openings, positions

Mrs. Edge did explain at this time that we will have one open teaching position. She will begin interviewing in a few weeks for that open position.

ii. Old Business

We did review and discuss a few thoughts on the new calendar for FY 20. Items they would like the teacher advisory to consider:

1. No half days
2. They did like a August 16th or after start date. They would even consider in future years a more balanced calendar.
3. They would like conferences to be held around report card time.
4. The SGT was mixed on having a long weekend or whole week in Oct.
5. Week at Thanksgiving
6. They do like Dec. 18th for getting out for Christmas.
7. A week at Spring Break

Mrs. Edge did share the digital learning plan with the SGT and how students could makeup their work for inclement weather days.

VII. Adjournment

There was no other new business to discuss. A motion was made by Jehan Eljourbagy to adjourn the meeting. James Hays made a second to adjourn the meeting. All SGT members were in agreement. The meeting was closed and our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 6:30 in our media center.

Chairperson

Secretary