Jasper County Board of Education

JCPS SGT meeting 11/30/2021 06:30 PM

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sheila Belcher who is the chairperson of the JCPS SGT. Members in attendance were Mandi Tanner, Christie Smith, Sheila Belcher, Torre Norris, and Lynn Matthews who attended virtually. Leah Campbell and Kasey Brooks contacted Mrs. Edge and asked to be excused due to a prior commitment. Pam Edge was present as the principal of JCPS. Mr. Kenny Garland was present as the superintendent of JCCS and to share information with the SGT.

II. Pledge and Invocation

The pledge was recited. The invocation was given by Sheila Belcher.

III. Approval of the Agenda (Action)

A motion was made by Mandi Tanner to approve the agenda as presented. Torre Norris made a second motion to approve the agenda as presented. All members were in agreement to approve the agenda as presented.

IV. Consent Agenda Items (Action)

i. meeting minutes from 10.26.21

A motion was made by Christie Smith to approve the minutes as presented from the 10.26.21 SGT minutes. Mandi Tanner made a 2nd motion to approve the 10.26.21 SGT minutes as presented. All members were in agreement.

V. Principal's Report

- i. Continuous Improvement Planning- CLIP- Comprehensive Needs Assessment-Stakeholder feedback District and School and School Improvement Planning / budget items to support the SIP
- ii. Covid protocols and current cases

Mrs. Edge shared that we currently have one case of Covid in the school. Spread has been minimal. Mrs. Edge is slowly getting parents and other visitors back in the school. Our Veterans Day program was a success. We invited our 2nd grade families to eat with their children, and we recently had a STEM math competition where those parents were invited. We will have a Jan. program for our 1st grade families and 1st grade will also have their families eat a holiday meal in Dec. with their students. We are still holding off on having visitors for lunch until after the holidays, and we want to give it a few weeks to make sure we are in the clear of possible spread. We are also having the Maggie Readers come (4 dogs and adults) volunteers come on Thursday afternoon to read with 2nd grade students.

iii. Mr. Kenny Garland- Superintendent of Jasper County Charter System and calendar review for FY 22

Mr. Garland spent a great deal of time giving updates to our SGT and getting their input with several issues. Renovations will take place this summer and the architect is LS3P out of North Carolina. We know the carpet will be removed and replaced with tile. Doors will be replaced where they are leaking to the outside. There will be other renovations but the SGT will work with Mrs. Edge and Mr. Garland to prioritize the needs. We will roughly have 2.5 million to work on renovations. We will meet on Jan. 11th at 4:00 PM at the Board of Education to meet with the architect to discuss these matters. There will be a salary scale adjustment presented at the Jan. BOE meeting for all certified and classified staff to compete with neighboring counties on our salaries. There is a need for incentives for bus drivers, custodians, nutritional staff and substitute teachers. On Jan. 11th, the chairmen of each SGT will present to the BOE at 6 PM. Our SGT will present to the BOE items we have been working on for FY 22. We will also ask the board for any needs for the upcoming year. Mr. Garland spent a great deal of time reviewing the DRAFT FY 23 school calendar. There are 175 student work days. There are built in professional learning workdays for our staff. This is a need as new standards and math curriculum are being rolled out for FY 23. There are 190 calendar work days for staff. Mr. Garland discussed the revenue sharing with the Ga. Development Authority and the work with our commissioners. That will be a great addition to our county and the educational well-being of our students. Mrs. Edge asked Mr. Garland to discuss the uses with the CARES money as well. Six-seven million has been awarded to Jasper County. That full plan is located on the JCCS website.

iv. Cognia accreditation and CCRPI climate rating- see surveys

Mrs. Edge explained the accreditation process that the Charter System will go through in April. Mrs. Edge stressed to the SGT to help with these surveys to get parent, teacher/ staff, and community feedback about Jasper County Charter System. We also need our parents, community, and staff to complete the CCRPI climate rating survey as well. These surveys are posted on our website, Facebook, and Mrs. Edge sent home a paper copy to all parents to complete.

v. Attendance Data year to date

Mrs. Edge continued to share the attendance data with the SGT. It is become more of a problem than last year. We continue to struggle with attendance. We continue to make contact with parents when students miss school. Our staff is documenting in IC. Our counselor is also working closely with our county social worker.

VI. SGT Chair Report

- i. New Business
 - a. Welcome new SGT member

Mrs. Alexander was unable to attend the meeting. We look forward to seeing her at the next meeting.

b. Calendar for FY 22- parent involvement throughout year with Title I and SGT meetings monthly

Mrs. Edge shared important dates for December and January with the SGT.

- ii. Old Business
 - a. Continue discussion and brainstorming on closing achievement gaps
 - 1. Adding our Book study- Shattering Inequities by Robin LaSalle and Ruth S. Johnson Discussion- Chapter 3 When Adult Behavior Poses Equity Challenges

A great deal of time was spent with Mr. Garland. We decided to move the Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 discussion to our Feb. 22nd meeting at 6:30.

VII. Adjournment

With no other new business, the meeting was adjourned. We will have our next meeting on Tuesday, January 11th at the Jasper County Board of Education office at 4 PM. We will meet with the architect for the upcoming renovations. We will then move into the BOE meeting at 6 PM to present our SGT happenings with the BOE. We encourage any members that can stay with us to stay for the BOE meeting at 6 PM if possible!

A motion was made by Mandi Tanner to adjourn the meeting. A second motion was given by Torre Norris to adjourn the meeting. All members were in agreement.

Next SGT meeting-Tuesday, Jan. 11th at BOE at 4 PM.

Next SGT meeting at JCPS- Tuesday, February, 22nd at 6:30 PM.

Chairperson