



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 17, 2017
TIME/PLACE: 6:00 p.m. JHS Media Center
ATTENDEES:

Luis Carreno, Chair	Jenny Hardy
Portia Clark	Emily Howell
Kevin Condon	Danielle Montgomery
Mary Dugan, Secretary	Brian Moore, Principal
Carine Griffeth	Alisha Moore
	Pam Watson

Pledge of Allegiance

This third JHS Council meeting for the 2017-2018 school year was called to order at 6:10 p.m. The American flag was presented for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Discussion of Math Data

Mr. Moore reported that math scores at the high school level have been steadily increasing and credits a curriculum that has been in place for several years with the improvements. He introduced math teacher, Ms. Jenny Hardy, to describe the program and measurements.

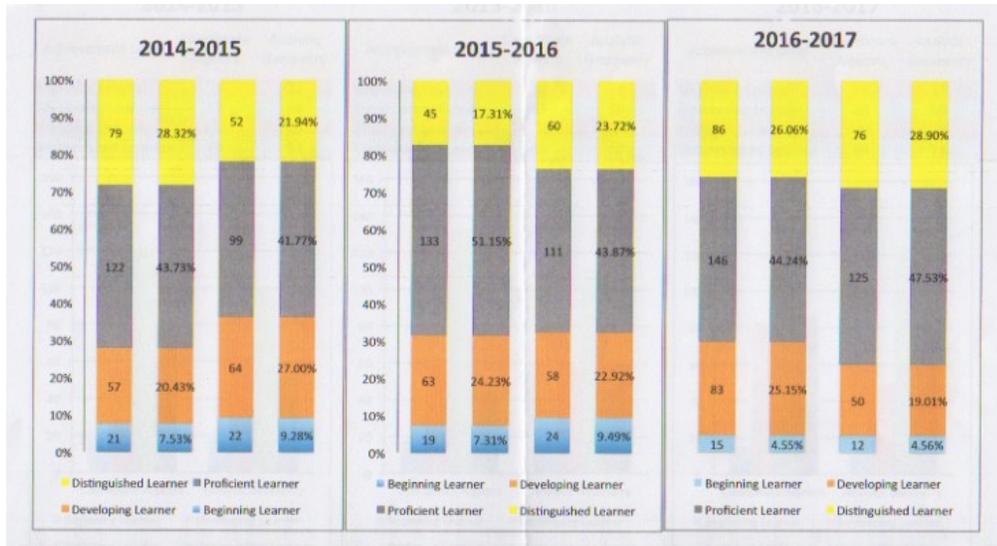
Ms. Hardy provided a background of her teaching career noting that she has been teaching math specifically for 13 years. She described that in 2014, Jefferson High School first integrated the math curriculum called Utah Mathematics Vision Project (MVP). By the 2015-2016 term, the curriculum was fully integrated into classroom instruction.

“MVP is using standards and helping students have a conceptual understanding of mathematics concepts,” explained Ms. Hardy. “It’s a difficult curriculum, but provides important context surrounding the concepts being taught, and in many cases the history of how the mathematics solutions were discovered.”

Ms. Hardy said MVP also helps place the teacher in a positive coaching position in teaching complicated concepts and she likes that role as a teacher. MVP concepts relate the curriculum to the “real world” she further explained.

Discussion of Math Data, Cont.

A handout showing math assessment data over a three-year period was distributed. Ms. Hardy described that the charts show increases in the numbers of “distinguished learners” and decreases in the numbers of “beginning learners.” (See chart below).



The MVP curriculum has been introduced into the 8th grade and those scores are showing improvement as well. It is now being taught in the 6th and 7th grades as well.

Ms. Hardy described that the next step is working with assessments to determine how the assessments can be improved. Recent results from the Georgia Milestones assessments indicate that students have a greater understanding of mathematics concepts more so than students' grades indicate. Ms. Hardy and several of the mathematics teachers are working as a team with Dr. Hix to refine the common assessments. Systemwide, JHS is preparing vertical alignment among grades so that the math concepts are reinforced each year and are building progressive foundations effectively.

Video from Scotland Exchange

A video that was produced by 2016-17 program organizers was shown to the council. Mr. Moore noted that applications for the 2017-18 Scotland Exchange program were being accepted from students through October.

Upcoming Events

- **English-Language Arts Milestone Field Test**
The initial benchmark testing of students for the Georgia Milestones assessment will be conducted within the next two weeks.
- **College and Career Fair**
About 100 juniors and seniors will be attending this event taking place at Commerce High School.
- **Ring Ceremony**
Students receiving school rings will attend a special ceremony at the Performing Arts Center.
- **PROBE Fair**
Juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to attend this event at Jefferson High School in the Arena. About 50 colleges and universities are exhibiting.

The JHS Council meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by M. Dugan.

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