

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 15, 2017
TIME/PLACE: 6:00 p.m. JHS Media Center
ATTENDEES:

Kim Bannister	Jenny Hardy
Luis Carreno, Chair	Emily Howell
Portia Clark	Danielle Montgomery
Kevin Condon	Brian Moore, Principal
Mary Dugan, Secretary	Earnest Moore
Carine Griffeth	Tammy Williamson
Bob Griffeth	

This first JHS Council meeting for the 2017-2018 school year was called to order at 6:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Recurrence Schedule: The council agreed to continue meeting every third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the JHS Media Center, with the exceptions of November (second Tuesday) and December, June and July (no meetings). Therefore, the schedule of JHS Council Meetings will be as follows:

Tuesday, September 19	Tuesday, February 20
Tuesday, October 17	Tuesday, March 20
Tuesday, November 14	Tuesday, April 17
Tuesday, January 16	Tuesday, May 15

New Principal, Mr. Brian Moore: Mr. Moore introduced himself as the new principal of JHS and provided a summary of his educational experience where he related that he's a UGA graduate, worked in insurance initially in Atlanta, but then continued his education earning a Masters in Business Education. He has served as a business education teacher, a principal and department chair in other school systems. Moore eventually came to Jefferson to lead technology initiatives, then served as JMS interim principal. He was going to accept the open position of Athletic Director until he was offered the position of principal, which Moore said he's honored to fulfill this role. He says he's excited about the potential at JHS and "it's all about enjoying the kids."

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Agenda Distributed: Mr. Moore provided an agenda that detailed information about JHS staff changes, academic and athletic accomplishments and upcoming events. That agenda is summarized below with additional notes discussed in the meeting:

Enrollment:

- Currently about 1,101 at JHS. This is an increase of about 76 students at JHS and the school system itself has about 3,600 students.

New/Additional Staff:

- **Added:** 1 Language Arts, 1 Mathematics, 1 Social Studies, Athletic Secretary, Digital Learning Specialist
- **Replaced:** 2 Social Studies, 1 Physical Education, 1 Spec. Education, 1 Band Director, Media Specialist, 1 Visiting Teacher-Attendance (K-12)

Academic Accomplishments:

- **Top Performing School System in NEGA RESA:** 9th Grade Literature, 11th Grade Literature, Coordinate Algebra, Analytic Geometry
- **2nd Highest Performing School System in NEGA RESA:** Economics, US History
- **Top 5 Ranking in the State:** 9th Grade Literature, 11th Grade Literature, Coordinate Algebra, Analytic Geometry
- **Top 10 Ranking in the State:** US History

Athletic Accomplishments:

- **AAAA:** Ranked 3rd Overall (Boys/Girls) Athletic Director's Cup

Focus/Challenges for 2017-2018:

- **Jefferson Measures of Academic Progress (JMAP):** System and school leaders are focused on refining the JMAP strategic assessment. System and school leaders are working to refine the JMAP assessment system in order to ensure that all grade levels and content areas have common assessments, common grading practices and common language in terms of interpretation of standards is in place.
(Source: *AdvancEd Accreditation Report, JCS, Feb. 6, 2017*)
- **AP Testing:** Approximately 285 students are currently taking an AP course and therefore, about 474 AP tests will be administered in May 2018. The cost of each test is \$94. This presents a daunting costs to parents. Administrators are looking into ideas to help offset the cost with fund raisers. The Art Department, for example, has developed an idea to offer pet portraits for a fee that will be used for this program.

Upcoming Events:

- **Solar Eclipse, August 21:** Mr. Moore said school administration developed a plan to turn the event into a learning opportunity. Jefferson City Schools purchased solar glasses for every student. All students will go outside supervised to designated areas to view the eclipse. All students will be shown safety and educational videos to prepare.
- **Patriot's Day, September 11:** JHS is planning with students, JRROTC and local veterans to hold a commemorative event at the front of the school the morning of 9/11. This has been held annually and is appreciated by many in

the community who attend.

- **Scotland Students Visit Jefferson:** Students from Scotland involved in the student exchange program will be visiting Jefferson and several additional venues in the Southeast during the dates of September 29 through October 13.

Baccalaureate: Mr. Moore said that teachers and administration were looking at ways to enhance the annual Baccalaureate program that is held in May prior to the commencement ceremonies for graduating seniors. Ideas that have been discussed include looking at facilities, programming and speakers. Mr. Moore said that ideas are welcome to encourage involvement and attendance.

Senior Letters: Mr. Moore brought to the JHS Council for discussion the program where seniors are presented collections of letters from family, friends and teachers at the end of the year, which come into the school via post or email. Jenny Hardy detailed the reason that the program needed review by articulating that the process has become labor intensive due in large part to the increase of school enrollment. Teachers also are particularly pressed at this time of year because of testing, grading and assessments among other responsibilities. The program was originally created by the JHS Council several years ago.

The Council therefore brought the issue to a vote. T. Williamson made a motion to discontinue the program, E. Howell seconded the motion in unison with L. Carreno, and the vote was unanimous to discontinue the Senior Letters program.

The JHS Council meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by M. Dugan.

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