

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, August 16, 2016	
TIME/PLACE:	6:00 p.m. JHS Media Center	
ATTENDEES:	Dr. Kevin Smith	Bob Griffeth
	Luis Carreno	Sue Hamm
	Portia Clark	Emily Howell
	Mary Dugan	Beth Jarrett
	Leslie Granberry	Danielle Montgomery

This first JHS Council meeting for the 2016-2017 school year was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Recurrence Schedule: The council unanimously agreed to continue meeting every third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the JHS Media Center during the 2016-2017 calendar year, with the exceptions of December, June and July. Therefore, the schedule of JHS Council Meetings will be as follows:

Tuesday, September 20	Tuesday, February 21
Tuesday, October 18	Tuesday, March 21
Tuesday, November 15	Tuesday, April 18
Tuesday, January 17	Tuesday, May 16

New Members: Dr. Smith introduced two new faculty members to the JHS Council: Danielle Montgomery and Kevin Condon. Mr. Condon was not in attendance due to JHS sports commitment.

Council Leadership: Luis Carreno was nominated to serve as chair of the council; a motion was made to accept the nomination and the council unanimously approved the selection. Mary Dugan was nominated to continue serving as secretary; a motion was made to accept the nomination and the selection approved unanimously. Danielle Montgomery agreed to facilitate communications between the school administration and council.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

2016 PROBE Fair: Dr. Smith announced details of the [2016 Georgia Probe College Tour](#) coming to JHS. Probe is an annual program that includes 71 college fairs held in different geographic areas throughout the state.

The college fair for the Jackson County area will take place at Jefferson HS Arena on **Monday, August 29 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.** Students who are juniors and seniors

can attend and visit with the approximately 60-70 college and university representatives who will set up information tables.

The JHS Council agreed to host a hospitality area for representatives with refreshments. B. Jarrett and L. Carreno will coordinate volunteers for this event.

Current Enrollment: Dr. Smith stated that current enrollment at JHS is 1,075 students.

Testing Calendar: Dr. Smith distributed the [JHS Testing Calendar](#). SAT and ACT testing dates are listed, with JHS serving as the testing site for these dates:

PSAT – October 19

SAT - October 1, November 5, January 21, May 6

ACT – September 10, October 22, February 11

JHS AP Program: Dr. Smith distributed a summary of results from the May 2016 AP exams, which included the subjects of Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, Studio Art Drawing, U.S. History. Fifty-four percent of the 303 students taking the exams (30 percent of school enrollment) scored 3 or above.

STEAM Center: Dr. Smith announced that the Jefferson City Schools' Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Center is close to completion. JCS STEAM Coordinator Randy Farmer is finalizing infrastructure and it will be available soon to K-12 teachers who will be encouraged to utilize its resources via a sign-up system.

"Shared by all the schools, the STEAM center will have a high-grade 3-D printer, robotics, and features one room with a bank of 3-D computers. Those computers allow students to use software that allows them not only to explore the inside of the human heart, among many other things, but to virtually manipulate the heart or other objects. New STEAM coordinator Randy Farmer hopes it will be a new way of learning for the students who come, and that by next summer, it will be the center of a STEAM summer camp program."

Expert from [Athens Banner Herald Online](#), by Lee Shearer

Travel Programs: Dr. Smith announced that teacher nominations and selections for the World War II trip will begin in September.

Also, visiting students from the Scotland Exchange Program will be coming to Jefferson in October.

The National Parks trip this summer was successful, Dr. Smith reported.

Retirement Reception: Ms. Liz Leigh is retiring after 46 years serving as bookkeeper for Jefferson High School. Dr. Smith says she will be greatly missed and announced a reception in her honor, which will take place at JHS on Thursday, August 18 at 3:30.

GUEST DISCUSSION

Sue Hamm, Jefferson City Schools Director of Nutrition, attended the JHS Council meeting to gain feedback for the district's breakfast and lunches programs. She provided a brief overview of [U.S. Department of Agriculture's \(USDA\)](#) mandates that relate to calorie restrictions, sodium intake, and meeting the daily "[MyPlate](#)" dietary guidelines. She said some parents have asked whether the cafeteria might be set up to offer familiar "fast-food" options like a food court. Ms. Hamm explained that such food vendors simply don't have products that can be offered through schools.

Ms. Hamm says to the extent possible, JCS utilizes Georgia-grown fruits and vegetables, and that plans are underway to enhance design and furnishing elements in the JHS cafeteria, such as new seating, and a "coffee-shop feel."

S. Hamm encourages anyone with suggestions or questions to contact her at shamm@jeffcityschools.org.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Business Open House Tailgate Event: Dr. Emily Howell is inviting the community to a tailgate party celebrating the opening of the new Howell Orthodontics facility on Memorial Drive. The event takes place before the first JHS home football game on Friday, August 26 at 5:15 p.m.

The JHS Council meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes recorded by M. Dugan.

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