

Jefferson Middle School Council Minutes
January 9, 2007

The Jefferson Middle School Council met in regular session on January 9, 2007, at 7:30 A.M. in the conference room.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman: Howard McGlennen
Teacher Representatives: Carol Ann Knight and Lindy Pals
Business Representatives: Tim Yeager, Martin Marietta
Jeff Blair,
Parent Representatives: Gwen Finch
Tonya Stewart

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Howard McGlennen called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:

Mr. McGlennen made a motion to accept the minutes from September 19, 2006, and Tim Yeager seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

SACS Report – Lindy Pals gave a SACS overview. She reported the commendations, challenges, and recommendations, as well as the challenges and recommendations from the committee. Mr. Mac thanked the school council for helping with the system-wide accreditation. Mrs. Corbett reported that completing the system-wide accreditation helped JMS align with the other schools across the system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Benchmark Testing – Mrs. Corbett shared that Benchmark testing takes place 3 times a year (once a quarter) in the areas of math, reading, and language arts. The scores are used to gauge how our students would perform on the CRCT if it were being administered at that particular point in the year. Teachers analyze the data from the benchmarks and use it as a focus in guiding classroom instruction.

New Construction – JMS construction is complete. We currently have 9 classrooms that are not being used. There is an incomplete science lab in each wing. The Jefferson Academy will open in May.

Traffic Pattern for 2007-2008 – Traffic around the school areas is already heavy. By starting the Jefferson Academy in May, the school board hopes to assess and correct traffic problems before the 2007-2008 school year begins. Tonya Stewart suggested having one place for car riders and one place for the buses at JMS. Mrs. Corbett stated that they are consulting other systems with similar traffic situations for ideas. It was also mentioned that staggering starting times may be helpful.

OTHER CONCERNS:

School Calendar – The proposed school calendar for the 2007-2008 year begins with teachers returning on July 25th and students on August 1st. School ends on May 16th. Jeff Blair suggested changing the winter holiday on Friday, February 15th to Monday, February 18th so that it would coincide with President's Day.

NEXT MEETING:

JMS School Council will meet again on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mac made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jeff Blair. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 A.M.