

**Jefferson Middle School Council Minutes**  
**January 13, 2009**

The Jefferson Middle School Council met in regular session on January 13, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Tammy Kelly  
Principals: Howard McGlennen, Brandy Corbett  
Teacher Representatives: Carol Ann Knight and Lindy Pals  
Business Representatives: Jason Waddel (Martin Marietta)  
Jeff Blair (First Commerce Bank)  
Parent Representatives: Dewayne Ansley, Kristy Eubanks, Tammy Kelly,  
Paula Morgan, Angi Thompson, Marvista Weaver, Rusty Wood

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:**

Jason Waddel made a motion to accept the minutes from October 29, 2008, and Carol Ann Knight seconded the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Alternative Letter***

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation alternative has been approved by the school board. An 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation letter will be sent home to parents. The school council previewed the letter and suggested to notify parents if a child receives an award. Since this is standard procedure for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade, JMS will extend this service to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***2009-10 Jefferson City Schools Calendar***

The 2009-10 calendar has been approved by the school board. It includes an inservice day for teachers on March 26 (possibly snow day). There is no inservice day before Winter break.

***Georgia Education Scoreboard***

The Department of Education school scoreboard shows excellent scores for JMS. JMS met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all areas, and scored at least 20 points above the state scores in each grade level. JMS scored over 10 points above the state average on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade writing assessment.

***Teacher Feedback for JMS***

Associate superintendent Dr. Gibney-Sherman met with all JMS teachers to discuss curriculum needs and suggestions for improvement. Teachers listed ideas for improved communication, student motivation, professional development, technology needs, and increasing rigor.

***Projected Enrollment for 2009-10***

Projected enrollment from next year includes 22 additional students (6<sup>th</sup> grade adds 14, 7<sup>th</sup> grade subtract 14, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade adds 22). State law just passed the addition of 2 students per classroom (28 to 30 students).

### ***Infinite Campus***

Brandy Corbett, assistant principal, discussed the new student information system, Infinite Campus (IC). Since SASI, the previous system, is being retired, JCS needed to adopt a new program. As part of the commitment to improving communication, IC will go online for Fall 2009. New features will include an online parent portal for accessing grades, behavior, attendance, announcements, and an events calendar. JCS staff will be training on the new software and testing the online system through May '09.

Tammy Kelly raised concerns over security of student information. Lindy Pals, Media Specialist, will send the questions to an Infinite Campus representative. Responses will be shared in the March council meeting. The following link explains how IC has passed 19 different standards of security (on par with the Department of Defense):

[http://www.infinitecampus.com/pages/product\\_menu/our-technology/security.php](http://www.infinitecampus.com/pages/product_menu/our-technology/security.php)

### **OTHER CONCERNS:**

School council minutes have been updated online. An email reminder for the next meeting will be sent to all school council members.

### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

JMS School Council will meet again on March 10, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Tammy Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jason Waddell. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.