

**Jefferson Middle School Council Minutes**  
**September 4, 2009**

The Jefferson Middle School Council met in regular session on September 4, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Tammy Kelly  
Principals: Howard McGlennen, Brandy Corbett  
School Representatives: Annette Beckwith, Carol Ann Knight, Lindy Pals  
Business Representatives:  
Parent Representatives: Dewayne Ansley, Tammy Kelly, Mary King,  
Sara Mixon, Cindy McMullan, Angi Thompson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:**

Carol Ann Knight made a motion to accept the minutes from May 22, 2009, and Angie Thompson seconded the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Introduce new members**

**Election of officers**

The following officers were elected unanimously:

Chairperson – Tammy Kelly  
Vice Chairperson – Angie Thompson  
Secretary – Lindy Pals

**GAPSS Review – Brandy Corbett**

GAPSS (Georgia Assessment of Performance on School Standards) is a school improvement program developed by the state of Georgia to assist schools on meeting AYP (annual yearly progress). Although Jefferson has met AYP every year, the central office requested to use GAPSS as a school improvement tool to prepare all schools for the upcoming SACS evaluation. GAPSS provides the “School Keys” which analyzes school improvement from eight strands. The visiting GAPSS team will observe teachers 3-4 times during the observation day and review lesson plans, artifacts, and school improvement documents. Administrators, teachers, staff, and students will also be interviewed on each of the strands.

**2009-2010 Enrollment Numbers**

6<sup>th</sup> grade – 209  
7<sup>th</sup> grade – 199  
8<sup>th</sup> grade – 209

Both 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are at limit, but we can still accept out-of-district students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. JMS cannot charge out-of-district tuition until base size is over 700 students.

### **Roll of Guidance at JMS – Annette Beckwith**

- Guidance begins with focusing on data analysis to place students for success
- New student programming includes interviewing, pairing, and a special breakfast
- Student support groups include:
  - Shy girl groups
  - Organization groups (assistance with folders, lockers, agendas, etc.)
  - Anger management groups
- Classroom involvement (examples: state bullying law and test-taking skills)
- Counseling individuals
- DFACS and counseling referrals
- Clothing closet to support students with needs (clothing/school supplies)
- Meet with all students in danger of failing to provide support
- Student of the Month recognition
- Dragon Deed Program (Behavior recognition)
- Teacher support
- Mentoring program – JMS has over 20 mentors (and adding)
- Pyramids of Intervention (POI) – working with teachers and parents to provide a network for student support
- TAP Program – at-risk students receive a teacher or staff member who will follow progress throughout the year

### **2009-2010 JMS Staff**

See staff roster for new JMS staff members.

### ***Other Concerns***

#### **Parent Portal**

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal will open late October due to the lengthy process of inputting all the new registration information into the system. We will consult with Jackie Keith on the dates.

### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Dewayne Ansley made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Tammy Kelly. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.