



**JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2011**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Jefferson Middle School Council met in regular session on January 25, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Parent Representatives	Tammy Kelly, Chairperson Angie Thompson, Vice-Chairperson Margie Blackstock
Business Representatives	Jeff Blair, First Commerce Bank
School Representatives	Brandy Corbett, Principal Annette Beckwith, Assistant Principal Lindy Pals, Media Specialist, Secretary Carol Ann Knight, Math Teacher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:

Tammy Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes from January 25, 2011 and the agenda for March 8, 2011, and Angie Thompson seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

“Dancing with the Stars” Fundraiser – Brandy Corbett

The spring talent-show/dancing fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 in the JHS Performing Arts Center. This week, we will check student response and make a final decision on the program. If we receive enough responses, we will combine with a chorus performance to provide a full program. As of now, we do not have many students signed up due to conflicts with scheduling and sports.

School Improvement at JMS – Tammy Kelly

- *Communication with School Stakeholders.* Angie Thompson reports parents feel JMS does a good job of communicating. Recently, we’ve added sports information on Infinite Campus by noon, and parents have commented that this has been very helpful.
- *Survey of Current Technology.* Tammy Kelly reports that parents did not feel informed about technology at JMS. Some parents heard about new laptops (64) for 2 laptop carts. Parents are interested in more information about what children are learning with technology.
- *Academic Opportunities for all Sub-Groups of Students.* For next meeting (McEver absent).

NEW BUSINESS:

Ideas for the 2011 – 2012 School Year – Brandy Corbett and Tammy Kelly

The JCS School Board retreat is scheduled for March 25-26. One topic of discussion is to consider using school uniforms at JMS. After posting an informal website survey to gauge interest, we are receiving a lot of useful comments and suggestions from teachers and students. We would also like to include School Council and Leadership Team meeting feedback.

School Council Comments:

- 1) Uniforms look great when you enter the school – students look organized, neat, and prepared. There are many options for uniforms. If planned right, students still have choices.
- 2) Uniforms may help some parents with less clothing expenses. Most parents will feel happy to continue uniforms – less cost.
- 3) It may be harder to find uniform clothing at 6-8 grades as opposed to K-5.
- 4) We could try “rolling up” a uniform policy with the grade-levels each year, but 6th graders may feel picked on if they are the only kids in the school wearing uniforms.
- 5) Students may feel less pressure to keep up with other students.
- 6) JMS used uniforms as an essay prompt this year, and we were surprised how many students wrote that uniforms would help with bullying.
- 7) We would like to be consistent across all schools – K-12.
- 8) Less dress code issues and violations.
- 9) JMS is short staffed with budget constraints. We need to make sure our decisions will not cause additional time for the office staff. Who will oversee dress code/uniforms?
- 10) Uniforms may need more flexibility at JMS (Friday may allow blue jeans/spirit t-shirt day or wearing jerseys on game days. Flexibility with jackets and tucking shirts.)
- 11) School council votes unanimous “Yes” to uniforms.
- 12) School council does not think April is too late for initiating uniforms for next school year.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

JMS School Council will meet again on Tuesday, May 15, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tammy Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Carol Ann Knight. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.