



J. Graham Brown School

SBDM Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. and was presided over by Dr. Angela Parsons, with Diane Courington as Secretary.

In attendance were: Liz Byron, Diane Courington, Amy Thornton, Felicia Alfred, Nubia Bennett, Elizabeth Bricking, Ashley Chesman, Lisa Billings, Brian Garrett, Pam Willison, and Angela Parsons.

Guest Parents: None

Opening Business

Dr. Parsons distributed the agenda for the meeting. Ms. Chesman moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Thornton seconded the motion and it was approved by consensus.

Dr. Parsons passed out the minutes from the meetings of December 15, 2016, December 29, 2016, and January 9, 2017. Ms. Billings made a motion to approve all the minutes. Ms Alfred seconded the motion and it was approved by consensus.

Dr. Parsons shared a good news report with the council.

- Rowan Kenning won the regional level of the Sons of the American Revolution essay contest. This is the third year in a row that a student in Ms. Liz Byron's has won.
- The *Courier Journal* story on Black Student Unions mentioned our club at Brown School
- Several TV news outlets covered Erin Spalding and our historic game versus Ballard Memorial over the past two weeks.
- Last night Ms. Terrilyn's drama students attended *The Sound of Music* free through the KY Center grant
- Middle School Academic Team did well in their playoffs:
 - Quick Recall – first place
 - Alex Billings – first place in math
 - Lily Billings – first place in language arts
 - Logan Dee – first place in science and third place in social studies
 - Gus Eilers – second place in social studies
 - Gabe Shir – third place in fine arts
- Alexis Hutchinson-Brown was 2nd place in the Tumbling and Jump portion of the Elementary All-Star Cheerleading Event. This was our team's first cheer competition.

- Lady Bears Basketball team finished 3rd in the Portland Christian Holiday Tournament
- Senior Kim Meyer and teachers Ms. Robin Cash and Ms. Liz Byron led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Meeting of Electors in Frankfort in Frankfort on December 19th

There was no one signed up for public comment.

Student Achievement

Dr. Parsons shared a report on the high school's performance on the PSAT.

Planning

Dr. Parsons shared some upcoming important dates.

- MS Snow Ball – January 20th
- College Week – January 23rd – 27th
- PTSA Night at House of Boom – January 26th
- HS Governor's Cup Competition held at Brown – January 28th
- Homecoming Game and Dance – February 11th

Budget Report

Dr. Parsons distributed the Flexible Budget Summary and the Activities Account Report. Council members reviewed the financial reports.

Committee Reports

Ms. Chesman provided a report from the Safety and School Climate Committee. The committee has been discussing students left unsupervised in the building, developing a classroom visitation policy, changing the direction of the back alley, and reviewing the use of safety patrol in the gym in the morning.

Ms. Willison provided a report from the Student and Family Support Services Committee. She explained the services provided by the Guidance Office, College Access Resource Teacher, Goal Clarity Coach, and Family Resource/Youth Services Office.

Policies for Review

The council conducted a second reading on the *Wellness Policy*. Ms. Billings moved to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chesman and was approved by consensus.

The council conducted a second reading on the *Before and After School Supervision Policy*. Ms. Billings made a motion to approve the policy, which was seconded by Ms. Alfred. The motion was approved by consensus.

The council conducted a first reading of the *Technology Policy*.

The council conducted a first reading of the *K-2 Teacher Request Policy*.

New Business

Dr. Parsons shared with the council that the official name of the school that is on file with Jefferson County Public Schools is “Brown School”, not “J. Graham Brown School”, even though this is what is on the school’s building and on the diplomas. Ms. Willison shared that it causes confusion with testing and college applications as there are many Brown Schools across America. Ms. Bennett moved to request that the JCPS School Board change the school’s official name to “J. Graham Brown School”. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bricking. The motion carried by consensus.

Adjournment

Ms. Alfred moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Billings. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.