



J. Graham Brown School

SBDM Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. and was presided over by Dr. Angela Parsons, with Diane Courington as Secretary.

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

Guests: Shawn Wilson

Opening Business

Dr. Parsons distributed the agenda for the meeting. Ms. Alfred moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by consensus.

Dr. Parsons distributed the minutes from the meetings of November 17, 2016, and December 6, 2016. Ms. Byron moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Alfred seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

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

- The middle school boys swim team finished 9th overall at the championships and the girls finished 10th overall.
- Our boys varsity basketball coach Erin Spalding was featured on CN2
- We received news coverage regarding the theft and recovery of the boys basketball jerseys
- We held two successful Men's Forums organized by counseling intern Cordia Pickerell
- Alex Murphy accepted the middle school social studies teaching position and will start on January 3rd
- Middle School Academic Team was 2nd place in Quick Recall in the 6th Grade Showcase and 3rd place overall
- Donors Choose projects finished for Amy Thornton's LEGO Mindstorm Robots, Randy Cox's four iPads and cases, and Maria Schrenger's classroom rug
- Huge crowd at our White Out games on November 29th
- Jared Fife signed to play college basketball for Albion College
- Great holiday concerts this season from our orchestra, choir, and band
- Two students qualified for All-County Band – Niara Snowden and Breanna Turner
- Maya Hardin was a winner in the 15th District PTSA Reflections Visual Art Program
- Kaelan Davis won the Courier Journal's Share A Story essay contest for middle school
- Mikayla Pitmon won the Courier Journal's Share A Story essay contest for high school
- The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet was amazing!
- Tryphena Sithu was the concert mistress for the All-County Orchestra; Olivia Jenkins and Stephanie Sithu also played in All-County.
- E-Book library rolling out for middle and high school students in January
- We received an award for being in the top 15% of recycling volume in the district

No one signed up for public comment.

Student Achievement

Ms. Willison explained a report on college readiness that was prepared by Robin Cash, College Access Resource Teacher. Currently 88% of the class of 2017 is college ready. Due to the ACT COMPASS being eliminated as an option, the class of 2017 may not exceed the statistics set by the classes of 2015 and 2016. Students will be able to take part in KYOTE testing in the spring and additional administrations of the ACT.

Planning

Dr. Parsons shared some important dates.

- Winter Break (No School) – December 19th – January 3rd
- Dr. King Holiday (No School)– January 16th

Committee Reports

Dr. Parsons consulted with the council on the hiring of Kathy Wynn as the new school bookkeeper, as recommended by the Interview Committee.

Dr. Parsons shared a report from the Curriculum and Instruction Committee. The committee has put the three magnet themes in the hands of the faculty around which to develop a curricular focus. The committee also discussed moving the 6th and 7th grade classes to a block schedule.

Mr. Wilson shared a report from the Safety and School Climate Committee. The committee has been discussing the large number of students being dropped off for school before 7:30 AM, and their concern for student safety at that time.

Policies for Review

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

The council conducted a second reading of the *Athletic Eligibility Policy*. Ms. Willison moved to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bricking and approved by consensus.

The council conducted a second reading on *SBDM By-Laws*. Ms. Billings moved to approved the By-Laws with amendments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thornton and was approved by consensus.

The council conducted a first reading of the *Before and After School Supervision Policy*, updates were given by Mr. Wilson.

New Business

The council reviewed the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan for 2016-17. Ms. Willison moved to approve the plan. Mr. Garrett seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

The council reviewed a sample schedule that would place the 6th and 7th grades on a block schedule similar to that in place for grades 8 through 12. Ms. Alfred moved to approve the schedule. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bricking and the motion carried by consensus.

The council reviewed a request to approve the 5th Grade trip to St. Louis. Ms. Pitmon moved to approve the field trip. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

Adjournment

Ms. Billings moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Byron. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. by consensus.