

James Madison Preparatory High School

Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2016

Members Present: Kathy Wilder, Margaret Ann Bunch, Justin Davis, Shelly Renfro, Bo Hardee

Faculty Present: James Johnson, Scot Bunch, Jessica Downing, Patrick White, Donna Law, Alan Androski, Branton Treglow

- **Approval of Minutes** – Margaret Ann Bunch made a motion to approve January’s minutes Justin Davis seconded
- **Financial Update** – Amy made some corrections on number of students in attendance so the monthly balance has dropped and needs to be based on each student per class not for the entire year. Margaret made a motion to approve January’s financial statement Justin seconded. Justin said that we need to make some decisions of funds for building that are available from the state, we need see where Amy is on that.
- **SWAT Time** - Coach Treglow has started the SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) group at JMPHS several students presented a small presentation of the effects of tobacco in our community.
- **Future Job opening** – Next year we will have more students so we need English I and English II class Honors with a world history teacher if possible. If we go to a block schedule we will need to reevaluate how many teachers, we will need and what they can teach. Scot would like to have more electives, Art, Band and Chorus possibly. He would also like a financial math class, and has someone from Wells Fargo coming to give a presentation about finances. Scot would like to begin Advertise 2 teachers and a para-pro positions (English, Math, PE, and a para-pro) Justin made a motion to approve the generic hiring Margaret Ann Bunch seconded.
- **Current Enrollment** – we have 142 students currently enrolled and possibly 1 coming in this week.
- **Facility Update** – curtains are still coming in. and Mrs. Houser has made tie backs. We are still waiting to hear from the hospital for approval to keep the facilities we are currently in. We will hold on the building committee until we hear something. Amy is talking to phone company about a volunteer program, and they will return with a donation. Sunday March 6th is a volunteer day at this facility and Mr. Rodney and Branton Treglow will be heading that up.
- **Accreditation Update** – Good news we are officially have our AdvanedED account but two months later than expected. We still need to work on school improvement plan, which will keep everything on one central document which will be a more organized way of keeping the information. AdvanceED would also like to see and accreditation team put together as well. Timing is a problem we need to get stakeholder surveys sent out and needs it together before April. They recommended they come in the end of October for their visit. James would like to put it off until October so it can be done the right way and get our ducks in a row. The accreditation will be approved by December 2016, James and Scot wanted to confirm with the board about this issue. Justin Davis confirmed that they have our support.
- **Birmingham Trip Success** – Feb 12th trip went very well the students visited the Civil Rights Institute and a the 16th street Baptist church in Birmingham AL.

- **VSU** -One student wants to dual enroll at VSU because in the articulation agreement the student can go to another school (they need a waiver) if NFCC does not offer the classes they want to enroll in. She is claiming that NFCC does not have the class that she is needing to take.
- **Online Classes** – The county is in the process working with Florida virtual school for an umbrella contract for a lower rate. James recommends we don't renew our contract with Edmentum with Plato(\$7,500.00) we won't need as many online teachers but only Spanish if possible. Virtual school will let Sean Robinson teach our students through the virtual school, Spanish. IF we keep Plato we have to be the one to furnish the teacher of record.
- **Block Scheduling** -James and Scot are talking about moving to a block schedule. Which means 4classes on an A and B schedule for an hour and half a day except on Friday they will do all 8 classes on a brief schedule. The reasoning is because there are so many kids that are dual enrolled and the college classes are an hour and 15 minutes each.
- **Open House During Enrollment** – sometime in March we would like to have an open house. After March 6th because of the cleanup. Scot will send us the date he chooses.
- **Lottery Process for Enrollment** after the 30-day enrollment period (Feb. 1st until March 1st) IF we have more than 50 students apply we will need to move to a lottery drawing option. At this point we have only 1 slot left for the future Junior class.
- **Teacher of the Year Banquet** – Patrick White represented us well. Andrea Correll was chosen as overall Teacher of the year.
- **Summer School Classes** – We need to decide if we are going to have Summer school this summer. If so we need to let Shane Roland know so, he can open it up. Scot highly recommends we do this. We have a need for English probably math. Teacher will need to agree to work for what we have available for funds. If the student signs up they are required to attend class. Margaret Ann made a motion to approve summer school classes Kathy seconded.
- **State Testing Season** – FSA is beginning and it is a hectic schedule. Starts in March and can go as long as May.
- **Livestock Show** – Went well we Represented JMPHS FFA club well. We even had a student Justice Renfroe Place with his steer and it will be in the paper.
- **Teacher Time** - March 7th the students will be receiving their class ring. Donna Law has a Beta Trip planned for Jekyll Island, GA March 31 – April 1. We need chaperones to drive and stay in the room with the kids. But the students need to pay their own way because there is not enough funds to cover the cost. Mrs. Law also wants to take her honors Biology class students to Panacea as a lab trip on April 19th, cost is only \$13.50 per student. We can have the students pay cost of the lab and have the school pay for the cost of the bus.
- **Private Strategic Meeting**

Meeting Adjourned, next board meeting scheduled for March 24th at 5:30 p.m.