

James Madison Prep. High School

October minutes 2015

Board members present: Kathy Wilder, Margaret Ann Bunch, Sonical Mitchell, Shelly Renfro, Bo Hardee, Justin Davis, Annette Johnson

Administrators and teachers: Scot Bunch, James Johnson, Denise Selph, Patrick White, Jessica Downing, Katelyn Ortega, Donna Law

Meeting began 5:30p.m. Justin Davis offered a word of prayer

- Approval of September minutes- Bo motioned to approve the minutes for September, Margaret Ann seconded
- Financial Update – In Amy’s notes the foundation had to give the school a loan, we will be reimbursed for the digital allocation money when it is received (temporary loan).
- Current Enrollment- 138 students enrolled possibly 139 as of tomorrow
- Accreditation Update – Scot and James have made progress on the policy and procedures manual for accreditation, 170 pages so far. Julia Waldrep has volunteered to look at the policies and procedures, because she did the accreditation for the county. Scot will be Contacting “Shred-it” to have a safe where personal documents can be stored, \$60 a month for canisters and shredder. Scot Bunch would like the board to consider purchasing a “turnitin.com” account to help the students as well as the teachers. Minimum purchase for 300 students and the cost would be \$2100.00-\$2200.00 a year. Turn- it-in will check for plagiarism from books/internet as well as previous students papers. Helps prepare students for writing papers for college. With the loss of Demetrius we can offset the costs of the turn-it-in program fees.
- A possible future building site for JMPHS would be the Bank of America building- Mr. Coleburn wants to sell it for \$500,000.00 and donate back \$100,000.00 to the school; It may be an option for the future. Justin Davis suggested we possibly form a building committee to discuss this subject further once we get the structural blue prints.
- Vet Intern Program- 5 students have started working at Doctor Lewis’ office. Also the hospital program is up and running with 5 students there as well. 3 students are attending during school and 2 after school to work towards the Ag. Science program.
- Engineering Update- Kathy suggests we give Heather a bonus/stipend to off-set the work that has been thrown on her since Demetrius has resigned and no prospects at this time and Heather will stay as interim. Trying to get office/excel/power point certification, a possible \$22,000.00 bonus from CTE for the certifications and the money will go back into the program. Scot is looking to see if we can get it done through vocational certification Heather will get certified for whatever is necessary (going back to school if needed).
- Facilities Update/Hospital/Science Lab- Scot has spoken with Mrs. Stevens to use the building across the parking lot of hospital and use as a possible office. Mrs. Stevens will bring it to the board at the hospital this October and get back with Scot. We will not ask for long term commitment and will pay utilities and clean it up. For the Science lab we have the majority of

everything in there we are just waiting on the sink to be installed with water hook up. Waiting on the city to hook up, that will possibly cost \$850. Another order for supplies this semester will be put in this week for the science classes.

- Lunch Menu Update –We have added “Frank’s Friday” and added chili, baked potato and salads, scot is trying to incorporate as many options as possible.
- Count of board members attending Gala – just email Kathy with a head count. Thomas Manning is the speaker for the Gala and he is head of the chemistry program at Valdosta State Univ. He will be discussing the STEM program.
- Upcoming school events (Patrick White)- Homecoming went well, with a beautiful float, next year we will have a class float competition for the parade. Teacher of the year voting started today through the 31<sup>st</sup> and goes to the county. State retakes for testing is going on for the next two weeks. Oct 28-30<sup>th</sup> abstinence program for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Class ring assembly will be held November 2<sup>nd</sup> and order dates are the 10<sup>th</sup>. Each month we will be voting for a student of the month for 9,10, 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Jacob Moore will come and speak with the students someday between Nov. 2-6<sup>th</sup> when he gets home. William Searcy is heading up a drug free program and will be teaching in the schools and hopefully in November will come in and personally hold drug awareness. Red Ribbon week will be held the last week in October. Patricia Shartran would like to give private music lessons at our facilities after school hours.
- Next board meeting will be Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.
- Private strategic meeting