

Johnsonville Middle School

School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting

September 25, 2025

Members Present:

- Mirandi Squires, Principal
- Ben Jackson, Teacher of the Year
- Rebecca Perales-Proctor, Chair
- Jimmy Bellflowers, Parent
- Heidi Dumm, Parent
- Rosetta Edwards-Ham, Parent
- Kayla Bellflowers, Teacher
- Donna Gaye Tanner, Teacher

Welcome & Purpose

- Mrs. Squires welcomed everyone and shared the district theme: Together We Rise.
- She reminded the group of the SIC purpose: to discuss needs, share improvement ideas, and develop goals for JMS.
- The target for this school year is to establish three SIC goals. Mrs. Squires encouraged members to brainstorm ways the school can grow and improve.

Discussions & Ideas

- Improved Communication: Concern was raised that most updates are posted on Facebook, which excludes those without access. Suggestions to solve this included using the Remind app and email as additional communication tools. Reminding parents to contact teachers with questions in newsletters was also mentioned.
- Fundraising Idea: A Spirit Rock fundraiser was suggested. Families could rent the rock for special occasions (e.g., birthdays).

School Goals for 2025–2026

- Mrs. Squires shared the three focus goals for JMS this school year:
 1. Student Achievement
 2. Teacher Growth & Instructional Excellence
 3. Student Leadership & Engagement
- Mrs. Squires also explained that test scores are pending and will be part of the school rating once released. Parent and teacher surveys are also part of our school's rating.

School Highlights

- Teacher PLCs: 1) Math/ELA i-Ready PLCs 2) Grade Level PLCs concerning Fall Diagnostic i-Ready Scores 3) PLCs reviewing 4.0 Teaching Standards: Instruction and Environment
- GT Art/Drama Club: Mrs. Squires shared pictures of the costumes students made out of recycled materials. Students are learning costuming skills so that they can make costumes for future productions.
- Media Center Programs: Mrs. Squires shared two new library programs for this school year: the Monthly Reading Challenge and the Adopt-a-Shelf program. Initial response to these programs has been very good.
- Empowered to Serve Leadership Program: This initiative is designed to guide and inspire students at JMS to lead by example through meaningful acts of service—both within the school and in the broader community. The peer tutoring program is part of this leadership initiative by Mr. Coleman and Ms. Sumpter. This program is showing positive results and has been supported by teachers. Students from the leadership program are also assisting in Mrs. Gamble, JMS Counselor, with her lessons.
- Guardian Angels Program: The Guardian Angels program pairs students with an encourager and accountability partner, giving them extra support to grow and succeed. We have already seen positive results from this program initiated by Mr. Coleman and Ms. Sumpter.

Discussions & Ideas

- After the school highlights were shared, Mrs. Ham suggested that we make sure parents are aware of the exciting programs we have in place at JMS. Mrs. Squires shared that the information would be available on our website. Marla will post a message on the digital sign to remind parents to check the school website for updates.

Upcoming Events & Enrichment

- Mrs. Squires reviewed upcoming school events.

Closing

- Mrs. Squires expressed excitement about working with the SIC this year.
- Next Meeting: October or November. Members will be contacted with date and time.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Donna Gaye Tanner
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