Johnsonville Middle School

School Improvement Council (SIC) Meeting

November 5, 2026

Members Present:

- Wynde Clark, Principal
- Courtney Dennis, Teacher (Chair)
- Donna Gaye Tanner, Teacher
- Rebecca Perales-Proctor, Parent
- Stevie Dennis-Broach, Parent (Chair)
- Lesley Huggins, Instructional Coach/Teacher/Parent
- Rosetta Edwards-Ham, Parent

Welcome & Purpose

- Mrs. Clark welcomed everyone and introduced SIC members and those that were not present.
- She shared the beginning of the year highlights at JMS (Open house, new staff members, Leader in Me, Classroom Visits, Stakeholder Support).
- She briefly discussed plans to implement activities seen at school during a recent principal visit.

School Goals for 2026-2027

- Mrs. Clark shared the three focus goals for JMS this school year:
  1. Student Achievement
  2. Staff Morale/Attendance
  3. Teacher Growth and Instructional Collaboration
- Mrs. Clark stated that she would like to improve our State Report Card score of Good to an Excellent for the upcoming school year and discussed plans to reach these goals as well as strategies that we have already began implementing at JMS.
- She stated that her goal is to improve i-Ready diagnostic proficiency in grades 6 through 8 from 19% to 40% in math and from 47% to 60% in ELA.

School Highlights

- Professional Development: 1. Improve growth in lowest 20% by including resource and SPED teachers in HQIM PD 2. Biweekly PLCs to strengthen unit internalization and lesson planning. 3. Teachers working with HMH and i-Ready coaches to strengthen HQIM implementation.

- Tiered instruction: During the daily 30-minute enrichment block, all teachers teach a tiered group. Tier 1: on grade level Tier 2: slightly below grade level Tier 3: significantly below grade level. Mrs. Clark plans math activities and Mrs. Huggins plans ELA activities for all grade levels.

- Study Buddies: During Lunch/Recess one day a week for each subject. No study buddy on Fridays. Students failing, needing extra help, or missing assignments must eat lunch in classroom and work on

assignments to catch up. Only 3 students failing in the whole school for first quarter. No students failing in 7th grade.

- Staff Morale/Attendance: 1. Teacher attendance has been good. 2. Mrs. Clark has reached out to community to provide snacks to stock the lounge for teachers. 3. Teachers receive shoutouts on weekly newsletter emails (on Fridays) in which Mrs. Clark shares activities teachers are working on when she visits classrooms.

- Peer Observations: Teachers will conduct peer observations and school observations to gain insight and collaboration.

Discussions & Ideas

- After the school highlights, Mrs. Clark suggested we reinstate a PTO at JMS to assist with fundraisers, teacher appreciation activities, etc. Members discussed parents who may be interested in leading the PTO. Parents suggested placing a poll on Facebook for parents to volunteer or nominate other parents.

- Mrs. Broach asked if teachers met for PLC by grade level or subject. Mrs. Clark shared that PD meets by subject, but MTSS/Parent Data meetings are conducted by grade level, so all teachers have input.

- Mrs. Broach voiced concern about iReady lessons being completed during Social Studies/Science classes. Mrs. Clark reassured her that only 20-40 minutes per week is used for iReady in these classes and only in one grade level. Science and Social Studies teachers alternate so it is not taking time every week from one class. Mrs. Clark shared that she is looking at alternatives to decrease emphasis on iReady lessons for second semester and incorporate other activities. She plans to meet with grade-level chairs to discuss these plans.

- It was suggested that JMS gets a Rock to paint for birthdays like JES and JHS. Mrs. Clark shared that a parent had shown interested in providing a rock, but she was concerned that middle school students wouldn't be interested, and it would not be used often. Members discussed polling students on interest in getting a rock to paint, using the digital school marquee for birthday shout-outs, or painted banners to place in school lobby for parents to pay for birthday announcements for a possible fundraiser.

Closing

- Mrs. Clark expressed excitement about working with SIC this year.
- Next SIC meeting will be in January, after the holidays. Members will be contacted with date and time.

Minutes submitted by Courtney Dennis
November 6, 2026