

# Jacob G. Smith School Council | MINUTES

2/9/17| 3:06 p.m. | Meeting location JGS Principal's Office

Attendees: (List Name)

<b>Chairperson</b>	Donna McFadden
<b>Principal</b>	Vernon Cole
<b>Teachers</b>	Dawn Brown
<b>Parents</b>	Karen Monahan
<b>Business/Community Partners</b>	Jeff Manley, TailsSpin

Guest and others attending

none	

## AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and Summary*
<b>Opening: Pledge Allegiance/ Inspiration</b>	I. Welcome Donna McFadden, Council Chairman
	II. Pledge of Allegiance
	III. Invocation/Point of Reflection Donna McFadden a. Always There Are The Children - Poem by Nikki Giovanni and always there are the children there will be children in the heat of day there will be children in the cold of winter children like a quilted blanket are welcomed in our old age children like a block of ice to a desert sheik are signs of status in our youth we feed the children with our culture that they might understand our travail we nourish the children on our gods that they may understand respect we urge the children on the tracks that our race will not fall short but our children are not ours nor we theirs they are future we are past how do we welcome the future not with the colonialism of the past for that is our problem not with the racism of the past for that is their problem not with the fears of our own status for history is lived not dictated we welcome the young of all groups as our own with the solid nourishment of food and warmth we prepare the way with the solid

	<p>nourishment of self-actualization  we implore all the young to prepare for the young  because always there will be children.  Nikki Giovanni</p>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b>	<p>I. Secretary's Report Ms. Dawn Brown</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>	<p>I. Old Business  a. Questions/Remarks from Chris Semones (absent)  b. Questions/Remarks from Karen Monahan  i. Concerns  1. Drop off lines  a. Car Riders  b. Joseph Warwick from SCCPSS Safety came out to evaluate area  c. Mr. Warwick stated there was a need for a police office  d. Mrs. Monahan has emailed Mr. Warwick again but has not gotten a response  2. Recommendations  a. Contact Julie Wade and City Alderman to assist with traffic  c. Blue Ribbon Festivities went well</p>
<b>PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:</b>	<p>I. Principal's Report Mr. Vernon Cole  a. Pam Williams  i. with Governor Deal's Office  ii. Deal's Distinguished Educators and Learners Facebook Page  1. photos of best practices have been posted  2. Comments are encouraged  b. Achievement  i. Comparing SRI and MAP scores from Fall to Winter for 2-5 grades  1. SRI  a. Mean scores for winter  i. 2nd - 397 (benchmark 360)  ii. 3rd - 679 (benchmark 560)  iii. 4th - 850 (benchmark 660)  iv. 5th - 930 (benchmark 760)  b. Point Growth from Fall to Winter Assessment  i. 2nd - 133 points  ii. 3rd - 381 points  iii. 4th - 193 points  iv. 5th - 147 points  c. SCCPSS Downtown offices have also noticed that JGS's mean scores are higher than benchmark expectations.</p>
<b>OTHER REPORTS:</b>	<p>none</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	<p>I. New Business  a. Betsy DeVos appointed as United States Secretary of Education  i. Website: <a href="http://www.betsydevos.com/">http://www.betsydevos.com/</a>  b. Survey Monkey</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. emailed out by Kurt Hetager, Chief Public Affairs and Administrative Services Officer</li> <li>ii. Superintendent Search Community Survey: QUALITIES DESIRED IN A NEW SUPERINTENDENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPQNCT3">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPQNCT3</a></li> <li>2. Please read each of the following 33 qualities and mark 10 characteristics you believe are most important to your organization in the selection of a candidate.</li> <li>3. Ray and Associates, Inc., an independent search firm, has been selected to assist the Board in the search process. The firm was announced during a Special Called meeting of the Board on January 25, 2017.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:</b>	none		
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>	Jump Rope for Heart - Friday, February 17, 2017		
<b>Other:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Donna McFadden's last meeting as Council President will be April 13, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Nomination ballots will be sent out before end of the year to nominate new president</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Schedule next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. July 27, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>B. October 13, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Date cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew</li> <li>2. New date: November 3, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. February 9, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m.</li> <li>D. April 13, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>ADJOURNED:</b>	3:55 p.m.

\*Attached additional information to any agenda item as necessary