

Julia P. Bryant Elementary
School Council Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2025
8:15am | Front Office Conference Room

Members Present: Stephanie Compton, Rachel Whitworth, Katie Sconyers, Ashley Miller, Rachel Barnwell, Talana Hobbs, Ashley Duvall, and Brittany McDaniel

Members Absent: Reggie Simpkins, Sreevalli Dega

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in the JPB conference room by Principal Stephanie Compton at 8:15am.

II. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.

III. **Old Business:** None to discuss.

IV. New Business

A. Welcome New & Returning Members: Mrs. Compton welcomed new members of the council. All new members (teachers and parents) were elected and will serve two year terms. Three members are returning and will end their terms at the end of the year: Reggie Simpkins, Sreevalli Dega, and Rachel Whitworth.

B. School Council Purpose: Mrs. Compton reviewed the purpose, mission, and expectations for the council.

C. Election of School Council Officers: Last year's officers ended their two year terms so new officers were nominated and elected. Sreevalli Dega indicated her interest by email to Mrs. Compton for a position and was nominated and elected as secretary. Due to her absence, if she decides not to accept, the position will be open and nominations will be opened again at the next meeting.

2025-2026 School Council Officers: Rachel Barnwell, Chair; Brittany McDanile, Vice Chair; Sreevalli Dega, Secretary

D. Principal's Report

1. Mrs. Compton reviewed JPB's core values, vision, and mission.

2. School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals for JPB were reviewed.

a) **Improve Literacy:** The school is continuing its goal from last year to improve student achievement by using a comprehensive plan for literacy instruction.

b) **Improve Math:** JPB has added a goal to focus on math in this year's school improvement plan. New standards have been in place for a couple of years and the school wanted to monitor student progress closely.

3. GMAS Update

a) Scores are embargoed, however, the GaDOE has released it's list of Title 1 Distinguished and Reward schools. JPB has been named a Reward School. One of 2 from BCS.

1. Reward schools are in the top 5% of Title 1 schools in the state for showing improvement when comparing content mastery scores from the 2 previous years

b) 2025 GMAS trends were shared

- 1) ELA trends showed growth in 4th/5th ELA with a drop in 3rd (targets did increase in all 3 grade levels from 2024 to 2025)
- 2) Math trends showed significant growth in 5th grade with no change in 4th grade and a decrease in 3rd grade scores. (targets in this area increased as well from 2024 to 2025)

c) School response to data includes the following:

- 1) ELA-UFLI phonics for K-2 and as an intervention in 3rd & 4th, Teacher Clarity professional development for K-5 teachers, flexible groups, and MTSS support
- 2) Math-added a math goal to our SIP and a math committee to monitor progress throughout the year, increase of foundational skills by incorporating daily spiral reviews and math fluency practice, flexible groups, MTSS support, and Teacher Clarity professional development for K-5 math teachers

E. JPB Check-Up: This is an opportunity for the council members to share what they think is going well at the school and what may need improvement.

1. Working Well

- a) Car Riders-best its been in years
- b) Academic progress and intervention
- c) Weekly Newsletters and Class Dojo chat feature to contact teachers
- d) Meet the Teacher Night/Student-led conferences

2. Needs to be Addressed

- a) Communication for BOY dates since kindergarten and pre-k are different than other grades
- b) Send an agenda for evening events, like parent night, in advance so parents will know what to expect and can plan accordingly; parents like drop-in events instead of events with hard start and end times
- c) Is there an opportunity for JPB staff to offer tutoring programs for

students?

VI. Questions or Comments: Great discussion at this first council meeting.

VII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the school council is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2026 at 8:15am at Julia P. Bryant.