

Alignment Middle School Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 11:00 am-12:30 pm  
Location: United Way Conference Room  
Facilitator: Shawna Davie United Way  
Recorder: LaKisha Boykin, Alignment Jackson

**Members Present**

Tonya Murphy	Thea Faulkner
Malkie Schwartz	Brandie Finley
Vonda Beaty	Amy Burks-Berry
Chelsey Hedglin	Penny King
David Herndon	Damian Thomas
Ison Harris	Shanina Carmichael

**Members Absent**

Kamper Floyd	Gary Anderson
M.Fran Bridges	Toni Kersh
Chinelo Evans	Derrick Trimble
Jeff Lewis	Peggy Moore
Kimberly Clark	Samuel Clark

Middle School committee meeting **commenced** at 11.

Opening remarks Vonda Beaty

For familiarity purposes each student introduced themselves by giving their Name, Title, and place of employment

**Pending:** Minutes from the last meeting are still being worked on by Ms. Amos

**Brief review of principles**

**Discussion of Middle School Vision Statement**

**Discussion:**  
**Middle School Vision Statement**

**Shawna:** This is not a vision statement that should be focused on as what we are going to do as adult people. This is focused on the children. The vision statement should be about what children are able to do and should reach very high and shouldn't look like something that is easy to get done tomorrow.

**Question:** What choices are you top 2 choices? Circle them and we will talk about each one of them.

**Malkie:** If we even look beyond school and we are looking at JPS we would like all students to be contributors to society.

**Beaty:** We want to make sure the vision statement does not limit the children. Some children do not go to college, but if your love and passion is to be a cosmetologist or mechanic then we have to touch on these sides.

**Nina:** I think we want to set the highest possible goals.

**David:** I like number five with the social, academic, and emotional because it narrows down the focus and it helps.

**Penny:** I want to go back to remind to everyone this is a vision and we are acting as visionaries with high standards. I don't think it's out of range to say perfect attendance because you are transitioning to the work force. I don't think the sky is the limit.

**Shawna:** So you're saying I want them to be able to set goals for themselves so you may want to infuse that language but the transition that this committee is responsible is for middle school.

**Middle School Vision Statement:**

**All students are equipped with the academic, social, and emotional skills to successfully transition into high school.**

**Shawna:** Do we have a consensus?

Response: Yes

Is everyone ready to vote?

All in favor

I's approve Middle School Vision Statement

This Vision Statement will be presented to the Operating Board on Frida, February 28, 2014 for approval

**Next Steps: Tactical Plan and Invitation to Participate**

**Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.**