

Jim Thorpe ES
School Organizational Team Minutes
January 28, 2026
3:30 pm ([Virtual](#))

School Organizational Team Members:

Julia Kara, Licensed Personnel Member X
Karen Berney, Support Staff Member X
Heather Taylor, Licensed Personnel Member X
Amanda Davis, Principal X

Mindy Sena, Parent Member
Laquann Murry, Parent Member
Bri D’Orsi, Parent Member
Taylor Trippiedi, Parent Member

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- **Welcome & Roll Call-**

- **Members present: Julia Kara, Heather Taylor, Karen Berney, Amanda Davis, Aaron Walker**
- **Staff present: Mr. & Mrs. Sparrow, Ms. Eyster**
- **No parents were in attendance. Budget notes were emailed to parents.**

- 1.1 Good news and celebrations:

- 1st grade has students moving up levels in acceleration groups and exiting from RTI
- Data Dive talks went well with gen ed teachers during ½ day collaboration meetings
- Good growth on MAP assessments
- LL in the KIDS program is talking now
- Resource teachers are collecting data
- kindergarten started acceleration groups
- kindergarten (Eyster) got Traveling Trophy for attendance

- 1.2 Review and approval of December Minutes

- Minutes are approved by all

- **1.3 New Items**

- Status Check 2
 - MAP math achievement in 47th %ile, up from the 36th %ile last year
 - MAP reading achievement in 44th %ile, up from 38th %ile last year
 - Trajectory for school performance goal #1 for MAP achievement is on track for spring for both subjects.
 - Trajectory for school performance goal #2 for PLC monitoring is on track for spring
 - Trajectory for school performance goal #3 for decreasing chronic absenteeism isn’t as on track. The current percentage is at the same percentage for chronic absenteeism as this time last year.

- We have no COSA seats for next year, but current students are grandfathered in.
- Budget Slideshow
 - enrollment trends are going down districtwide
 - projected enrollment declines districtwide, but projected enrollment increases for Thorpe
 - funding based on student enrollment
 - no class size reduction ratios exist anymore
 - projected budgets shouldn't change much from now to fall
- New Budget Items
 - iready is replacing MAP assessments next year, so we want to purchase the program for individualized skill practice based on assessment results
 - Title I funds
 - RSC stays
 - Extra 19 minutes is canceled, but 1 extra prep can be paid per week
- Staffing Updates
 - Reviewed projected enrollment for 26-27 school year
- **1.4 Voting Items**
 - Proposed Budget
 - Possibilities:
 - Add a 2nd grade teacher
 - Add a SOSA
 - Add a CTT
 - Cut Office Aide
 - 4 Budget Proposal options were presented
 - members present voted on #3 option, waiting for votes from parent members
- **Information**
 - Next Meeting: 2/18/26 @ 3:30pm
- **Public Comment Period** (20 minutes maximum allotted/2 minutes per speaker)

Adjourned: 4:55 pm