

**Paxon School for Advanced Studies
School Advisory Council
May 12, 2009 Minutes
Media Center**

Present: Alison Cruess, Carol Daniels, Erin Duchanois, Rosanne Ennis, Angela Gates, Kevin Johns, Patricia Kendrick, Tom Lobello, Robert Pelaia, Steven Smith, Kim Wiggins, and Janis Wood

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by SAC President Tom Lobello. He announced that we have a quorum present. The March minutes were presented and approved with spelling changes to two members' names. Mr Lobello thanked Erin Duchanois for taking minutes last month in Alison Cruess' absence.

Principal's Update:

Ms. Kim Wiggins reported:

- The bookkeeper is still out on leave due to an injury. Two people from downtown are helping with checks and requisition processing.
- The Prom was a huge success
- Grad night went on without a hitch
- AP/IB testing is taking place now
- End of course exams for seniors will take place next week
- Exams for underclassman will take place the first week of June
- CPT (College Placement Test) – 269 students were tested
- IB registration took place – well attended
- Start summer orientation – IB 9th graders are the first to go
- Good news from budget – Request for five positions to be returned to us has been granted and funding for these five positions will be available for two years
- .5 of Standards Coach will be funded by County
- Starting scheduling, guidance has visited Landon, J. W. Johnson, etc.
- The type of schedule for next year will be six periods plus a “skinny” (three period per day plus the “skinny”). It was recommended that electives will be on the “skinny”, classes with labs will not be on the “skinny”.

There was discussion regarding some of the teachers returning such as Ms. Coburn and Ms. Olin. Ms. Wiggins explained the five positions returning have to be “AP/IB trained”, which will help Ms. Olin and Ms. Coburn. Ms. Olin is returning and it is uncertain if Ms. Coburn will return (certain things have to happen). Ms. Wiggins pointed out there are 200 surplus teachers out there right now. Mr. Kevin Johns explained these numbers should drop due to the improvement of the budget.

Mr. Lobello explained that sports scheduling does not have to do with the budget. It is expected that varsity games will be cut by 20% and JV games will be cut by 40%.

Ms. Wiggins said the Class Size Amendment is going back to school-wide; the district could not afford it.

Mr. Lobello asked what the College Placement test is. Ms. Wiggins said it was test readiness of juniors as far as math and reading in concerned. It is from Senate Bill 19.08. She also said the funds for the Ready to Work test have not been released yet.

It was reported that 22 people attended the Ace Meeting last night at Northwestern Middle regarding boundaries. The ACE meetings are being handled by a consultant.

The school day will be from 8:25 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. next year.

Mr. Lobello said the vote on transportation changes has not been made yet. This included the two mile distance, with the morning ride being the same (pick up a neighborhood school) and the afternoon ride will no longer be a drop off at a neighborhood bus stop.

Old Business:

None

The next Paxon SAC meeting (first of the new school year) will be Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 4:00 pm. in the Media Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm