

**Paxon School for Advanced Studies
School Advisory Council
March 9, 2010 Minutes
Media Center**

Present: Shelly Casey, Alison Cruess, Robin Dickenson, Kevin Johns, Patricia Kendrick, Toyia Mills, Steven Smith, Royce Turner, Willie Walker, and Donna Whittaker.

Absent: LaShanda Allen, Africia Davis, Kimberly Dull, Angel Gates, Rhonda Grant, Kimberly Price, Connie Rawson, Vic Sciuillo, Russ Snyder, Mary Sulfridge, Vincent Viscariello, Anne Ward, and Janis Wood.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by SAC President Kevin Johns.

The February 9, 2010 minutes were presented. Ms. Patricia Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Ms. Robin Dickenson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Kevin Johns stated the SAC minutes are a state mandate.

Principal's Update:

Royce Turner reported:

- Reported that we were unable to use the SAC funds for the Life Smart Competition; therefore \$250 will not come out of SAC. The students placed 2nd in State.
- The first day of FCAT was today. Students took the Reading exam. Two 9th graders were absent and seven 10th graders were absent. Tomorrow is Math.
- Facilities: The air conditioning unit went out in the computer classroom and we are getting a new one Monday. An inspection for mold was conducted and the follow up inspection was clear.
- Student Update: The student enrollment is 1,505, which has dropped a little. Parents are able to use the Grade Portal to see current grades and may be pulling their students out if they do not see a change for the positive. We will probably keep an enrollment of about 102% again for next year.
- We are looking at changing the AP sequencing. Considering moving the courses that students are more successful in to the 9th grade. For example, we may move AP Human Geography to 9th grade. Students need nine AP course to graduate.
- School Improvement Plan: We continue to look at the transition plan. Part of the SIP was to develop a Study Guide. The Study Guide is complete. The first one is generic. We want this to be an annual publication with each one improving upon the last. It will help both students and their parents. It will be sent out in April and put on the web site.
- School Resource Officer: We received word last week that our school is one of three having its SRO be under the district's jurisdiction rather than under the Jacksonville Sherriff's Office. Our new SRO will be a retired JSO, but under the jurisdiction of the school board. To save money, the district will gradually have jurisdiction over all SROs. We will have

our new SRO on March 27. He will have a police car but will not have direct radio access to the Jax Sherriff Office.

- 190 Prom tickets have been sold. They will go back on sale in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Willie Walker asked if the school was doing random locker searches. Mr. Turner explained that they are doing random searches and bringing in the search dog and checking the parking lot. There was an issue with some students taking drugs and they are trying to prevent any future issues of this nature.

Ms. Donna Whittaker thanked Mr. Turner for the four new microwaves and for being at the FCAT Review that was held on Saturday. Mr. Turner explained the students are still getting accustomed to the new microwaves – they still stand in front of the old ones.

Financial Update

Mr. Steven Smith said he had not received any new SAC funding requests.

Our current balance is \$9,349.58

New Business:

Alison Cruess announced the baseball team held their Karaoke Fundraiser on February 20. They raised approximately \$1,200 for the baseball Program. Mr. Turner, Ms. Gates, and Mr. Harter, the Athletic Booster Club President were judges.

Mr. Walker distributed “Evaluation Criteria for Paxon SAC Funds Request”. He explained that a maximum of 14 points could be scored on a request. Each criterion could earn a score of 0, 1, or 2. The Financial Subcommittee would score the requests prior to SAC meetings and the full SAC committee would discuss and vote on the request.

Old Business

Mr. Johns reminded the committee of the special Stakeholder’s meeting on Wednesday, March 31 at 4 pm in the Paxon Media Center. Mr. Turner explained that two people were left out of the group providing input, so the mid-year report will be the only thing discussed.

The next SAC meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in the Media Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.