

**Minutes of the  
Paxon School for Advanced Studies  
School Advisory Council  
September 14, 2010**

**Present:** LaShanda Allen, Shelly Casey, Robin Dickerson, Kimberly Dull, Robin Lang, Kimberly Price, Steven Smith, Royce Turner, Vincent Viscariello, Willie Walker, and Donna Whittaker

**Absent:** Alison Cruess, Africia Davis, Rhonda Grant, Kevin Johns, Tom Lobello, Connie Rawson, Anne Ward

Vice Chair Kimberly Dull called the meeting to order at 4:10pm in the absence of Chairman Steven Smith, who arrived during the meeting in progress.

The minutes of the meetings held on May 11 and August 31 were presented for discussion. The minutes were briefly discussed with suggested corrections to the titles of the officers; however approval of the minutes was tabled for additional discussion after the arrival of Chairman Smith.

Mr. Turner provided the Principal's Update by relaying the news that Paxon would not receive school improvement funds for the 2010-2011 school year; however the normal Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI) funds would be forthcoming. Discussion was held regarding the function of the SAC and the criteria used for ranking teacher requests in the absence of the school improvement funds.

Mr. Turner also discussed the laptop cart purchased last school year and the need for a wireless controller in order for the cart to be used outside of the Media Center.

Paxon has finished the benchmark testing as the FCAT tests will gradually be phased out and end of course exams will begin to be held at during the 2010-2011 school year, beginning with freshmen. Mr. Turner remarked that end of course exams will be computerized which is why the wireless network is critical to Paxon.

The open position for an AP Environmental Science teacher has been filled with a teacher who has Advanced Placement experience as well as a computer teacher with experience has been hired. A Journalism/Speech teacher is still needed and currently Paxon has a surplus teacher filling in, but interviews are still being conducted.

Dates have been set for the Prom (April 30) and Grad night (May 6). Additionally, Mr. Turner reported that Challenge Day has been scheduled for January 31-February 1. Tickets will be issued for up to 200 students for Challenge Day through a "Willie Wonka chocolate Factory" type lottery.

At this time Chairman Smith arrived at the meeting and after a discussion of the attendance and quorum requirements in the SAC Bylaws, requested approval of the May 11 and August 31 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Willie Walker, seconded by Robin Dickenson and carried, the minutes of the May 11 SAC meeting were approved as presented. Upon a motion made by Shelly Casey, second by Willie Walker and carried, the minutes of the August 31, 2010 SAC meeting were approved as amended.

Continuing with the discussion of the School Advisory Council duties in the absence of school improvement funds for the 2010-2011 school year, Mr. Smith pointed out that the first duty of the SAC was the approval of the School Improvement Plan and that the second duty was the support of Principal Turner, his staff and their requests for the school. Mr. Turner stated that the first draft of the School Improvement Plan would be presented to the SAC at the next meeting in October. Following was a discussion of the school budget as well as the educational budget for the State of Florida.

Discussion turned to the lack of attendance at the SAC meeting with a suggestion by Robin Lang that the meetings begin at 4:30pm in hopes of attracting more working parents. After discussion, it was agreed that the October meeting would begin at 4:30pm with additional discussion held regarding how to ensure that parents were informed of the work of the SAC and of the change in time.

Vice Chair Kimberly Dull questioned if Mr. Maynard had received the items approved for purchase at the May 11 meeting. Mr. Turner stated he would check into the purchases and report back to the SAC at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the SAC will be held at Paxon Media Center at 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.