

**Minutes of the
Paxon School for Advanced Studies
School Advisory Council
January 11, 2011**

Present: Steven Smith, Kimberly Dull, Michelle Banks, Beth Mixson, Robin Lang, Beyan Ting, Jackie Brooke, Babette Kissam , Vincent Viscariello, Brad McLeland, Erin DuChanois, Donna Whitaker

Absent: Kimberly Price, Alison Cruess, Robin Dickenson, LaShanda Allen, Shelly Casey, Africia Davis, Rhonda Grant, Tom Lobello, Connie Rawson, Anne Ward, Principal Royce Turner

Call to Order and review of minutes -

Chairman Steven Smith called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. Chairman Smith announced that approval of the meeting minutes for November and December will be moved to February's agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Financial Report –

Vice Chair Kimberly Dull reported that there are carry-over funds from last year in the amount of \$2,985.75.

A movement was made and seconded to accept requests for funds. Still to be considered is that last year Mr. Maynard, a Physics teacher, requested funds that were in part tabled until this year to be addressed. Chair Steven Smith suggests implementing the funds request evaluation form developed last year to help prioritize the requests. A vote was called and carried.

Principal's Report -

Dr. McLeland provided the Principal's Update in the absence of Principal Turner. Dr. McLeland reports as follows:

- The Journalism teacher has been hired and will start next school year.
- Class scheduling for 2011-2012. Seniors and IB students have priority due to graduation and tract requirements. All students' schedules will be completed by mid-February.

Open Discussion and Q and A -

Question: How does Paxon SAS assure that all required classes are being met for transition to upper classes or graduation?

Dr. McLeland's Answer: Students meet with Guidance counselors several times to assure that they are prepared and on course with their program. This is demonstrated by Paxon's 99% graduation rate. "At Risk" students are given extra attention. Any student who's GPA falls below 2.0 is on probation.

Parent Question: What is the status of the lack of computers (correctly networked) and the end of course exams issue as discussed in previous months?

Dr. McLeland's Answer: He is very confident that Paxon SAS is as prepared as possible.

Parent Question(s): What is the status of sponsorship of the field scoreboard? Has Mr. Turner drafted the letter? Has anyone determined the school board's stipulation that there is a monetary limitation set for this?

Discussion was made but tabled until Principal Turner can be contacted. A parent volunteered to begin the letter and investigate interested sponsors.

Announcements -

PTA Parent: Challenge Days will be on Jan 31, Feb 1, and 2, 2011. This is a school wide program focusing on building lasting relationships with peers to have the complete high school experience.

Parent: January 20, 2011 begins training for filling out financial aid forms.

Commencement -

Announcement that next Paxon SAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8th, 2011 at 4:30pm in the Media Room.

Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Steven Smith at approximately 5:20.