

**Paxon School for Advanced Studies
School Advisory Council
April 14, 2009 Minutes
Media Center**

Present: Steven Smith, Nick Kaloudis, Doree Giles, Rosanne Ennis, Patricia Kendrick, Erin DuChanois, Kim Wiggins, Carol Daniels, Kevin Johns, Angela Gates, Africia Davis, Tom Lobello

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by SAC President Tom Lobello. He announced that we have a quorum present. The March minutes were presented and approved.

Financial Report:

Steven Smith updated the committee with an actual remaining SAC balance of \$231.05. Regarding the 3/9/09 approved funding request from the Media Center, \$200.00 was granted (one-fifth of original request). The remaining SAC balance is \$31.05.

Principals' Updates:

Mrs. Carol Daniels reported:

- Our bookkeeper is out due to an injury. Her supervisor is coming in to help for at least two weeks.
- SAC President Tom Lobello and Mrs. Daniels have to submit the SIP.
- Prom is Saturday, April 18 from 7:00-11:00 pm at the Hyatt.
- Grad Night is the following weekend.
- AP review starts with several AP European History sessions.
- ROTC Awards Program will be held Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 pm.
- Senior Program will be held Monday, May 18.
- AP Art exhibits start Wednesday, April 15.
- Drama will be performing "The Wiz" on Thursday and Friday, April 16 and 17.
- There will be a Drunk Driving assembly for the entire student body this Thursday, April 16.
- Blood Drive will be held on Friday, April 17.
- The CPT (College Placement Test - a college readiness test) will be given to the juniors on April 17. This is a requirement of the state.
- Senior exams begin on April 27
- IB registration for incoming 9th graders is April 28.
- Jon Nerf was selected as Teacher of the Year.
- As the busy testing period approaches, Mrs. Daniels asks for parent support at both home and at school.

- Four PSAS students were selected for Leadership Jacksonville.
- Four PSAS students were admitted to Princeton University.
- Juniors are currently scheduling for next year.
- The budget cycle is completed and there is a \$700,000.00+ deficit.
 - o HR has notified retiring teachers that their contracts will not be renewed. Mrs. Daniels has appealed that decision as our retiring teachers are essential to our 5-year IB review that is approaching. She is waiting to hear back.
 - o Foreign languages, science, math, ROTC, guidance and media have all had to make cuts. The average high school teacher costs the district \$66,193. Guidance, media and ROTC personnel cost more.
 - o The base student allocation at the high school level is a little over \$2000.
 - o As of last Thursday, April 9, there were over 400 surplus teachers (tenured and non-tenured) with only 200 positions available. Teachers are being cut, but not classes because of program requirements. There will have to be a “Plan B.”
 - o Mrs. Daniels will incorporate a sports booster club next year.
- In response to questions about the success of our Opportunity Scholars, Mrs. Daniels reported that she conferenced with each 9th and 10th grade Opportunity Scholar. There were some cultural differences that had to be addressed, but academically those students are doing “C” work and better.
- In regards to magnet applications, PSAS received 1506 from the lottery and approximately 120 IB students. Number of Opportunity Scholars will be determined during the summer.

Mrs. Hough reported:

- Uncertainty about the stimulus money still exists.
- Changes in schedules are being considered. There would continue to be an “A” day and a “B” day with three 90-minute periods along with a 45 minute “skinny” period that meets every day. The number of credits to graduate would change from 26 to 24. The Keystone class would be cut. Teachers at all levels will have to vote on changes to the middle and high school schedule. Then, the school board will have to vote on the issue.
- Mrs. Hough went through the SIP with those in attendance.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

The next Paxon SAC meeting is Tuesday, May 12th at 4:00 pm in the Media Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.