

**Paxon School for Advanced Studies
School Advisory Council
August 31, 2010 Minutes
Media Center**

Present: LaShanda Allen, Shelly Casey, Alison Cruess, Africia Davis, Robin Dickenson, Kimberly Dull, Angela Gates Kevin Johns, Patricia Kendrick, Robin Lang, John Maynard, Toyia Mills, Kimberly Price, Steven Smith, Royce Turner, Vincent Viscariello, Willie Walker, and Donna Whittaker.

Absent: Rhonda Grant, Connie Rawson, Vic Sciullo, Mary Sulfridge, and Anne Ward

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by SAC President Kevin Johns. Mr. Johns explained the members of SAC elect officers. The offices are President, Vice President, and Secretary. He said we want to come out with a slate of officers and parent representatives to put forward to PTA. Parents through PTA elect the SAC Board.

The May 11 minutes were distributed but cannot be approved until the next meeting on September 14.

Mr. Johns announced the new PTA President is Christa Griffis. Mr. Johns will remain a member of Paxon's SAC as a community member.

Nominations and elections took place for the 2010-11 SAC Officers. They are:

President – Steven Smith
Vice President/Treasurer - Kimberly Dull
Secretary – Kimberly Price

A motion was made and seconded to put forward this slate of officers to PTA.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Willie Walker to continue to work with the VP/treasurer to “vet” funding requests using the criteria established last year. Mr. Walker agreed.

Mr. Maynard distributed a letter requesting funding for \$2, 695.35 for additional scientific probes. Some of Mr. Maynard's requests were approved last year; however money was not available then to fund his full request. The committee could not address this request at this meeting because funding was unknown and the committee had not yet been officially approved by PTA.

Principal's Update:

Mr. Tuner reported:

- Mr. Turner thanked last year's volunteers and welcomed the new parents to the group. He said he is looking forward to a positive year.
- The major issue we have right now is one of personnel. Paxon had three resignations right before school started. This is priority one.
- Budget:

- Our budget is pretty healthy.
- We added a security position.
- We have 30 new picnic benches and tables that have been placed in the courtyard. This will enable our students to sit down during lunch.
- We have four new Smartboards (interactive white boards) for a total of 6.
- We have mobile laptop cart with 30 laptops – it is an instant lab.
- We are working on a wireless network for Paxon
- We have additional Elmo projection devices (3D document cameras)
- The district has not given us our SAC budget – hope to have this Sept. 14.
- Asking for additional textbooks for students who do not have Internet service at home to access online textbooks.
- Our current enrollment is 1,576

The next meeting will be held on September 14 at 4 in Media Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.