

**Minutes of the
Paxon School for Advanced Studies
School Advisory Council
August 30, 2011**

Present: LaShanda Allen, Jackie Brooks, Shelly Casey, Kael Dull, Kimberly Dull, Carla Flowers, Angela Gates, Margaret Godke, Robin Lang, Karl Mann, Kimberly Price, Steven Smith, Mary Sulfridge, Paula Turner, Royce Turner, Willie Walker, and Donna Whittaker

Absent: Michelle Banks, Tina Culbreath, Robin Dickenson, Erin duChanois, Roseanne Ennis, James Fisher, Rhonda Grant, LaKeisha Hart, Babette Kissam, Jiho Lee, Toyio Mills, Dom Viscariello, Anne Ward, Janis Wood and Christie Wright

Chairman Steven Smith called the meeting to order at 4:35pm and an introduction of the meeting participants was held. Chairman Smith stated the meeting was called for the election of officers of the Paxon School Advisory Council for the 2011-2012 school year and opened the meeting to nominations from the floor. The nominations for the following positions were made:

Chairman:	Steven Smith
Vice Chairman/Treasurer:	Robin Lang
Secretary:	Paula Turner

After a discussion of the nominations with the nominees accepting the nomination for the position outlined, a motion was duly made, seconded and unanimous approval was given to the SAC officers for the 2011-2012 school year.

Chairman Smith presented the minutes from the May 10 meeting for discussion and approval. After a review of the minutes and two minor revisions noted, a motion was duly made and seconded, and the Members approved of the minutes as revised.

Chairman Smith called for the Principal's Report whereby Mr. Turner expressed his appreciation to the outgoing officers for their attendance over the past year and their work on behalf of all students of the Paxon School for Advanced Studies. Continuing, Mr. Turner reported that:

- Current student enrollment is 1,493 and the budget was built on the estimated enrollment of 1,541.
- Student enrollment was negatively impacted by the recent transportation issues even though networks for car pools were set up on the website and all students on the waiting list for acceptance to PSAS have been contacted and brought in if possible.
- If staff reductions due to the budget shortfall are needed, elective courses will be the first to be cut if necessary as elective courses are not bound by the class size amendment. Budget discussions will begin on September 8.
- Paxon has approximately 40 new opportunity scholars for the 2011-2012 year
- The school district performs two student counts, one in October and the second in February and will adjust the budget according to the number of students. Paxon will focus efforts on retaining struggling students who normally leave at year end.

- Paxon is providing a safe room for students after school and is offering an elective class of music appreciation during this time which will provide students will one elective credit, with 17-20 students signing up for the class.
- School Improvement Funds are based on school grades which are received in January of each year as well as graduation rates; Paxon anticipates the funds will be received in March 2012.
- All previous SAC approved purchases have been made.

Vice Chairman/Treasurer Kimberly Dull provided a finance update stating \$5.45 remained in the school's account from the 2010-2011 school year and no new funds are anticipated. Ms. Dull explained the protocol for the request of funds by the teachers, with approval by the Principal prior to their presentation to the SAC members for vote. Ms. Dull also noted that there were no current budget requests.

Ms. Allen advised that several parents had mentioned that the current meeting time was not conducive for their participation due to their employment obligations and requested that SAC address the meeting times for the year. Chairman Smith lead a lengthy discussion of meeting times and several suggestions were reviewed by the Council members. Council members discussed various meeting times and upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved, adjusted the time for future SAC meetings back to the previous meeting time of 4pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting of the 2011-2012 SAC will be held on September 13 at 4:00pm in the Media Center.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.