

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

Present: LaShanda Allen, L.Battle de Norman, Jackie Brooks, Shelly Casey, Kenneth DeVoe, Angela Gates, Margaret Godke, Steven Smith, Mary Sulfridge, Paula Turner, Royce Turner, and Donna Whittaker

Late: Robin Lang and Karl Mann

Absent: Michelle Banks, Tina Culbreath, , Robin Dickenson, Kael Dull, Kimberly Dull, Roseanne Ennis, James Fisher, Carla Flowers, Rhonda Grant, LaKeisha Hart, Babette Kissam, Jiho Lee, Toyio Mills, Willie Walker, Anne Ward, Donna Whittaker, Janis Wood, and Christie Wright

Chairman Steven Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and presented the minutes from September 13 for discussion and approval. Two corrections were made to minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, approval of the minutes was unanimously passed.

Chairman Smith called for the Principal's Report whereby Mr. Turner reported that:

- Present enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is 1480 a loss of 10 students from last report.
- PSATs are scheduled for tomorrow. The PTSA will be serving breakfast to the Seniors
- Monthly Newsletter and Parent Link phone calls every Wednesday s are two methods of communicating brief highlights and updates to students and parents.
- School Improvement Plan in an effort to improve this year's FCAT scores, school is sponsoring an interpretation contest to help students improve in the area of informational text. Prizes will be awarded. Also during the next 9 weeks, Paxon will implement program Compass Odyssey, a computer based tutorial for students to help identify area of weakness.
- Business funding, we lost our \$5000.00 funding from Pepsi but Coke will donate approximately \$2000.00 this year. This money is used to provide refreshments for the A-B honor roll students.
- Nov 17 next PTSA meeting

Chairman Smith provided the treasurer's report the balance is \$5.45.

Mrs. Margaret Godke informed the committee of the grant that Duval County received from National Council of PTA. National PTA training will be offered to Northeast Florida citizens to help them become better advocates. They will also be sharing information about the Common Core State Standards Initiative that will soon be impacting our Florida students. Advocate for Kids Grassroots Advocacy Leadership Program workshop is Nov. 5th at 9:30am – 12 noon at Forrest High School.

The next SAC meeting will be held on Nov. 8 at 4:00 pm in the media center.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.