

Dixie Hollins High School
September 8, 2009
School Advisory Council Minutes

In attendance: Joseph Freshley, Dwight Latimore, Eric Zebley, Brenda Vlach, Amber Myrick, Kristy Myrick, Deb Mercurio, Rhonda Crandall, Shoshana August, Amelia August, Mike Bohnet, John Dockerty, Marcia Miller and Laura DeStasio

Call to Order: John Dockerty called the meeting to order at 7:05. John introduced himself as SAC president as well as PTSA because people stayed from PTSA meeting. Mr. Bohnet thanked everyone for staying and introduced himself as the principal of Dixie Hollins.

Approved minutes: Mr. Dockerty asked everyone to review minutes from May 12, 2009, minutes were approved.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Bohnet said that it was a great beginning to the school year.

- Dixie has gone to 7 periods with lunch in the middle of the day. Wednesdays are shortened days for staff development.
- New program at Dixie, RTI, which stands for Response to Intervention. At risk students in the classroom will work directly with this person. Mr. Bohnet advised that 75% of our students are motivated and self driven. The other 25% disrupts the class and will benefit from this program.
- Reading coach back this year, Karen Reed. She is working very driven to help students become successful.
- Football started last Friday and didn't do well. There is confidence in Coach Morey that things will improve.
- The band was the highlight of Friday's football game. They did an exceptional job.
- Mr. Bohnet reviewed all of the sports going on for fall and praised all the coaches.
- Dixie has dropped from a 4A school to 3A in sports.
- There was good attendance to Back-to-School Night. Parents that get involved is what helps their student to be successful.
- Mr. Knellinger retired last year. Mr. Knellinger, Mr. Zebley and Mr. Bohnet hired the best teachers offered to fill the retired positions at Dixie.
- Molly and Katie Wilfert attended a summer leadership program. Students said they had a wonderful experience.
- Paul Roberts received a \$2000.00 scholarship through Rotary to attend SPC.
- Dixie has added 9 AP classes this year and plans to add 5 more next year.
- Every 5 years the school has to go through an accreditation process, SACS. The committee will visit sometime in the Spring.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Mr. Latimore praised Ms. Greenberg for the way she is motivating the teachers.
- Mr. Freshley advised that in the process of doing away with the FCAT they are replacing it with an end of the year test.
- Questioned asked about exam exemptions this year. Mr. Bohnet advised it has to be voted on by the school board but at this time it looks like attendance will not be considered for exemption. The reason is because of the Swine Flu poor attendance is expected. Instead students must make A's and B's in all their classes. If students are sick parents need to give 24 hour notice in order for teachers to get the student assignments together.

Open Forum:

None

Next Meeting: October 13, 2009

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.