

**PEEPLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
October 16, 2008**

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Jill Sellers at 7:04. Members present: Jill Sellers, Kent Robinson, Stacey Weaver, Doug Warner, Jason Sutton, Erin Roberson, Sonya Farr
2. Approval of August 21, 2008 Minutes - Motion to approve the minutes was made by Stacey Weaver and seconded by Jill Sellers. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Recognition of Visitors/Speakers
 - Sandra Watson, Director of Elementary School Improvement/Professional Learning
4. New Business
 - Welcome New Members – Mrs. Roberson welcomed new members to the Council: Kent Robinson, Parent Member; Doug Warner, Business Member; Jason Sutton, Business Member
 - Sandra Watson, District Accreditation Process – Mrs. Watson explained the SACS District Accreditation process. Mrs. Watson shared a Power Point presentation to explain the process. She explained that the accreditation process has “moved from a school community to a community of schools” by completing a district accreditation instead of individual schools completing accreditation alone. Mrs. Watson also shared with the council a handout to help explain the process and show the expectations/indicators to gain accreditation. Our school system is currently working on a report that will be given to the visiting team. The visit is scheduled for the end of January, 2009.
 - Erin Roberson shared information about second graders’ CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) scores. Mrs. Roberson shared a handout of a graph to show a comparison of scores over the last three years. On average, our scores increased in every area. The CogAT scores provide a measure of the abilities that tend to predict student success in school.
 - SPLOST/Budget Information – Mrs. Roberson provided two ways for Council members to get information about the SPLOST: www.fcboe.org and <http://www.yesfayettesplost.org/>
 - Coffee and Conversation with the Principal – Mrs. Roberson shared that the event was a success. She shared the questions that were discussed and gave Council members the opportunity to ask questions about any of the topics.
5. Unfinished or Continued Business
 - Contact Information for 2008-09 Members – Contact information was updated to include new members.
 - Training for New Council Members – Mrs. Roberson will contact new members to provide school council training.

- Courtyard Project Update – The PTO is working on converting the courtyard into an outdoor classroom. Tiffany Donaldson is chairperson of the project. There was a work weekend October 10-12, and we had many, many wonderful volunteers here to help.
- Newsletter Feedback Results – Mrs. Roberson shared feedback from the August newsletter. All responses were positive.
- Electronic Communication – Mrs. Roberson has received several positive responses to news and information being sent by email. Currently, only about 120 copies are being sent home with students. There are still some minor “kinks” being addressed, but it seems to be going well.
- Board of Education Meeting Update – The Board of Education has been discussing the financial state of the school system.
- Council Information on the Web Site – check out our Peeples website at www.peepleselementary.org to access the minutes and other School Council information.
- Doug Warner made a motion to appoint Jill Sellers as our School Council chairperson. The motion was seconded by Sonya Farr. Jason Sutton motioned that Doug Warner be appointed as our Vice Chairperson. Kent Robinson seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously. Erin Roberson will remain as Secretary.
- Doug Warner stated that the School Council was here to support the school and Mrs. Roberson. Discussion followed about the purpose of the Council and its importance in providing accurate information about our school.

6. Proposed Agenda Items for January, 2009

- SACS visit
- Other new information

7. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jill Sellers and seconded by Doug Warner. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21.