

**PEEPLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
August 27, 2009**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Doug Warner. Members present: Jason Sutton, Kent Robinson, Doug Warner, Jill Sellers, Monica Thomas, Erin Roberson, and Sonya Farr.
2. Approval of May 21, 2009 Minutes – The motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Sutton and seconded by Monica Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Recognition of Visitors/Speakers
 - a. Assistant Principal, Buffy Blodgett
 - b. PTO President, Becky Talley
 - c. School Nurse, Suzanne Mahaffey
4. New Business
 - a. PTO Update – Becky Talley –
 - i. Last year PTO came in slightly under budget, so we had some extra income to start the year (\$5000). Gym floor is great. Amphitheater is the greatest expense for PTO this year. It will be placed behind commons area. Decks by Design (Richie Phillips) will handle the construction which will begin around October. Broadcast equipment (\$5000) has been purchased and is being used each morning. PTO purchased Staples gift cards for teachers to use to begin the year and make purchases for their classrooms. Other smaller purchases have also been made, such as an art counter for the courtyard and painting the four-square game on the playground. PTO also funds our Intervention Coach (\$5000) which is a fabulous addition to our school. Main fundraisers this year are SCRIP, Spring Fling, and Direct Donation.
 - ii. Room parents have initiated an “adopt a teacher” program for teachers who do not have a homeroom.
 - iii. PTO email system has also begun. Families are urged to sign up so emails can be sent out. Families just need to send an email to Becky Talley to be added: fourtalleys@comcast.net. PTO welcome packets were given to new families.
 - iv. PTO is trying to change the focus from raising money, to informing parents what PTO wants to buy for the school using the funds.
 - v. Becky is also planning to send out a parent survey for input.
 - b. Flu Update– Suzanne Mahaffey - 14 (13 kids, one staff member) total cases of confirmed type A flu. First cases were pretty severe, later cases have been milder. Precautions being taken by our school: taking temperatures of infected classes each morning. Temps over 100 are being sent home. Infected classes are being “social distanced” – bathrooms on a schedule so bathrooms can be cleaned immediately, recess alone, lunch on the stage, specials in the classroom. Hand sanitizer and hand washing is being HIGHLY emphasized. It is definitely in the

community. Mrs. Mahaffey logs in every afternoon to the CDC to report the numbers of cases and students with symptoms. One school has been closed in Kentucky, but the CDC is not recommending these extreme measures at this time. Mrs. Mahaffey said flu mist (for students) and vaccines will be offered in October at school for type B influenza.

- c. Staffing Update – Friday, August 21, Peeples had to “collapse” a kindergarten class to relieve overcrowding in a fifth grade classroom at another school. On Wednesday, August 26, students were moved from Amy Camp’s class to the other kindergarten classes. Mrs. Camp will be teaching with the Early Intervention Program (EIP) at Peeples each morning, and in the afternoon at Brooks. Her seniority at Peeples will not be affected by this move. Mrs. Camp’s paraprofessional, Linda Fincher, has been assigned as a “floating parapro” for Peeples. If a parapro is needed at another school, one of our paraprofs will be transferred. The staff is thankful that our teachers and paraprofs were protected in this move so far. All displaced teachers from Peeples from the Fayette County staff reduction last year have been placed, except for one. She is currently number 3 on the list.
- d. Our Partners in Education Breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 1 at 8am.
- e. Spring 2009 CRCT Results – Buffy Blodgett – Mrs. Blodgett explained the results. Discussion followed about the second grade compacting, with questions about why other grade levels do not use compacting. It was explained that scheduling is one major challenge. Other grade levels differentiate within their own classrooms to meet the needs of their students.
- f. 2009-10 Meeting Dates – Oct. 15, Jan. 14, March 18, and May 20. (7:00am in Office Conference room)
- g. Contact Information for 2009-2010 Members – Given to all members
- h. 2009-10 Enrollment – Information was given to all members – The school system will apply for a waiver that will allow classes to be up to 5 kids over capacity in all classes before a new class must be added. Many grade levels are at or near capacity. On August 13, our total enrollment is 687; however, we have added a few students since then.
- i. 2009-10 School Budget – Information given to all members – instructional money is placed in categories at the county level, which is based on enrollment from last year. Mrs. Roberson cannot move money around between categories, so we are limited in several ways as to how we can spend our instructional money. School Administration category looks to be much larger than other categories, but it must be used to purchase custodial supplies (including toilet paper, etc.), laminating, paper, copies, copier rental, etc. At this point, the instructional money is frozen with the exception of ordering paper towels, toilet paper, and other essential items such as these.
- j. 2009-10 School System Budget – Information was given to all members
- k. 2008-11 School Improvement Plan Revisions – Information was shared by email and via computer projection. Mrs. Roberson said she would make a copy of information if desired by any members, but we are saving paper because the plan is so lengthy.

- i. Mrs. Roberson shared information on our school goals thru 2012. Goals have been set for CRCT scores in English/Language Arts, Reading, Math, Social Studies and Science as well as for the writing assessments for third and fifth grades and ITBS scores for computation in fourth grade. Our school also based some goals on surveys of staff and students.
 - ii. Our School Improvement Plan includes action plans for the following areas: Differentiation, Assessment for Learning, Professional Learning Community, Effective Strategies in Specific Subject Areas, Diversity, and Equity.
 - l. School Demographics - Mrs. Blodgett and Mrs. Roberson shared some demographic information about our school – information was given to all members.
 - m. 2008-09 School Council Annual Report – Mrs. Roberson submitted a report to Sam Sweat, the assistant superintendent of Fayette County Schools, detailing the topics discussed in our School Council for last year.
 - n. 2009-10 Schedules – Mrs. Roberson shared copies of schedules for each grade level.
 - o. Adequate Yearly Progress – Chart of “Georgia’s Annual Measureable Objectives (AMO)” was shared with members – every school in our county made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
 - p. Review of By Laws – Provide by email to members – Erin reviewed some of the highlights - members will look at the By Laws and ask any questions at our next meeting
 - q. Doug Warner reiterated the point that our School Council is here to help our school and he wants us to feel free to call on him and the rest of the council.
- 5. Unfinished or Continued Business
 - a. SPLOST Update – Jason Sutton – Next meeting is soon – handout was shared which summarizes funds and expenditures
 - b. Board of Education Update – Erin Roberson –
 - i. House and Senate passed House Bill 257 which says that students may transfer within their own system if parents provide transportation. Peoples gained a few students through this. There is no option provided to the school through this bill to limit attendance if students are discipline problems or truant.
 - ii. New student information/attendance program – Infinite Campus – county wide program
 - iii. Tax update – School board has voted to increase the M&O millage rate but decrease the bond millage rate
 - iv. Governor enacted three furlough days
- 6. Proposed Agenda Items for October 15, 2009
 - a. CogAT Scores
 - b. ITBS Scores
 - c. Newsletter Feedback
 - d. Curt Cearley, Technology Update

- e. Infinite Campus, new student information database
7. Adjourn – The motion to adjourn was made by Sonya Farr and seconded by Kent Robinson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54.