

**PEEPLS ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA  
March 15, 2007**

The Peoples Elementary School Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 7:00 a.m. in the conference room at Peoples, 153 Panther Path, Fayetteville, GA, 30215.

School Council Members Present: Erin Roberson, Nancy Brunskole, Sonya Farr, Peggy Thomas, Cynthia Jones, Chip Gjertsen, Bob Page

1. Meeting was called to order by Erin Roberson at 7:00.
2. Approval of Thursday, January 18, 2007 minutes : Motion to approve – Chip Gjertsen, Second – Bob Page
3. Recognition of Visitors/Speakers
  - Roberta Dunn, PTO President
4. New Business
  - PTO Update –
    - Spring Fling – planning in full swing –Unfortunately, the computer program they were using for organization crashed, so they are in the “catch up and repair” stage. The hope is to have *everything* sponsored, so that all incoming funds go directly to our school. Last year it brought in an unexpected \$14,000.
    - SCRIP – We are encouraging kids to wear green on Scrip order days in order to raise awareness and remind kids and parents to participate in SCRIP – addition of Publix was helpful. However, Publix only participates in SCRIP in October, so PTO purchased a sizable amount of Publix so that we could continue to sell Publix gift cards throughout the year. Tables at school events have helped promote Scrip. 40% of sales are from local businesses and 60% are national vendors. If anyone is anticipating a large purchase, and if you plan ahead and contact the SCRIP committee, they can be prepared to sell SCRIP certificates for your purchase, which will help our school tremendously.
    - Gift wrap – Based on a vote at the PTO planning meeting, it was decided that we would try *not* to sell gift wrap as a fundraiser next year, hoping that SCRIP will pick up the lost funds.
    - Direct donations – 20% increase in donations from last year, \$2300.
    - Ideas for next year: Set a commitment goal for donations; possibly build in incentives for donations. Please offer any suggestions to Roberta.
  - Election of New Council Members (Election will be held May 10) - Council members are elected for two year terms. Nancy Brunskole is on her second year, so she will be rotating off. Notices about the upcoming election will be sent home with students in April.
  - Staffing Projections for 2007-08 – see attached
  - Winter Professional Learning Courses for Staff – see attached

- Relay for Life Activities – big staff charity fundraiser. Father/daughter dance was a huge success. Mother/son dance (and activities) will take place on Friday.
- Coffee & Conversation with the Principal – This first attempt was considered a success! We will probably take place once a semester and may alternate between daytime meetings and night meetings. Topics of discussion/questions included:
  - Projected enrollment for 2007-08
  - Plans for new attendance districts
  - Dealing with a large school environment (How do we keep a “welcoming” atmosphere?)
  - Foreign language classes for students
  - Nutrition requirements of school lunches
  - Salad bar age requirements (Why aren’t kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders allowed to use the salad bar?)
  - Why are parents allowed to bring fast food into the cafeteria?
  - How can students avoid carrying heavy backpacks?
  - At what grades is the metric system taught to students?
- Kindergarten Registration – March 29<sup>th</sup> – 9-11am and 4-6pm.
- Tour de Georgia, April 16 – Jared Hall, a student from Peeples, won the contest for naming the mascot. The race will go by Peeples, so we will participate in the excitement.
- Cultural Arts Week – coming up after CRCT. Becky Massive has done a *fabulous* job of organizing the entire week! Unfortunately, she has a fifth grader who will be moving on to RSMS, so we need someone to take on this huge endeavor.
- Water Week – during week of CRCT – Nancy Boyle has organized this week and has done a tremendous job planning lessons appropriate for each grade level on the topic of water conservation.
- CRCT Preparations – Classes are practicing test-taking skills, but are not over stressing test preparation in order to reduce anxiety.
- Writing Assessment Updates – Fifth graders took the writing assessment last month. Results are not yet available, but it seemed to go well.
- School Culture Survey Results – staff members were surveyed – see attached – discussion was moved to next meeting due to time constraints.

#### 5. Unfinished or Continued Business

- Board of Education Meeting Update – Chip – March meeting will be next Monday. Textbooks will be voted on at the March meeting. Nothing at February meeting that directly impacted Peeples.
- Elementary Attendance Districts – Dr. DeCotis has said that each elementary school will be able to have a representative, probably a parent, to be on a “Task Force” to address the process. An outside consultant has been hired to assist. We are hoping to know the proposed boundaries by December.
- Construction Update – Subdivision across Panther Path – Chip visited the Planning and Zoning commission on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Some information that was presented was incorrect. Tonight a change in land-use plan will be requested. The change involves a decrease from 63 to 60 houses and the building of tennis courts.

This will not impact the attendance differential at Peeples. Projected price range is rumored to be in the \$300,000's. Land is being perked and soil tested at Sandy Creek Road for possible future elementary school construction.

- ITBS – 3 year comparison – see attached

6. Proposed Agenda Items for May 17, 2007

- Introduction of New Council Members
- Fond Farewell to “Retiring” Council Members
- CRCT Results (if available)
- End of Year Information
- Summer Training
- Establish Meeting Dates & Times for 2007-08
- Select Agenda Topics for Next Year

7. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 8:40 was made by Chip Gjertsen. Second – Peggy Thomas. Unanimous vote to adjourn.