

The Simpson Elementary SBDM Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am in the school's conference room. Those in attendance were: Joyce Pais, Beverly Boren, Dawn Thomas, Greg Dukes, and Kathy Acre. Mrs. Pais welcomed our new member Mr. Dukes and the returning members, and handed out the necessary documentation to begin the meeting. Mrs. Boren made a motion to accept the agenda as written with Mrs. Acre as the second. Ms. Thomas motioned to accept the June minutes with Mrs. Boren as a second.

There were no public concerns.

There was no old business to discuss.

As for the new business, Mrs. Acre was appointed Co-chairperson, and Mrs. Heath was appointed as Secretary. The meetings schedule was set for the 2012-2013 school year. Meeting will be on the last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the conference room, beginning August 27<sup>th</sup>. The new fundraisers for the school year were presented and approved, with Mr. Dukes making a motion for approval, and Ms. Thomas making the second.

Also in the new business was the Gifted Education program at SES. Many options were discussed in meeting the needs of our gifted students. Some options include: an after school program per grade level taught by teachers, using Jan Bush to work with students and technology, possibly getting retired teachers to alternate teaching and being paid substitute pay, or having parents pay a small fee to help cover the cost of materials and teacher pay. The total fund available is \$8,000.00.

ESS funds had \$5,000.00 left over with \$7,000.00 added for this year. The money was used to purchase the Math Whizz program for half the students. This money only covers ½ of the students, so 2 students will share one license. The option was presented that maybe parents could pay the \$34.00 if they wanted their student to have access for the whole year. This cost is through GRECC and is much cheaper than if they got a license on their own. Another option would be for churches or local businesses to sponsor a child or children for the program. Yet another option was to hold fundraisers for the program.

Still in new business was the update on Confucius Institute. There will be one Chinese teacher this year that will split the schedule again with Mrs. Bradford.

Class list breakdowns were looked over, a few mistakes were addressed, and Ms. Thomas made the motion to approve the Classroom lists with changes made. Mrs. Boren was second to the motion.

Other new business was the issue of not receiving the approximate \$6,000 commission from the photographer for the 2011-2012 school year. They were not awarded the new contract for the upcoming year, and they are not returning phone calls regarding the commission. Our district attorney is now involved in the case. Our school relies on receiving that money.

A motion was made by Mrs. Boren to go into closed session, with Mr. Dukes as the second.

A motion was made to come out of closed session by Ms. Thomas, with Mr. Dukes as the second.

The council agreed that email was the best method of communication.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Boren, with Mr. Dukes as the second. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Acre