

**EL PASO GRIDLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #11**  
**Citizens Advisory Council Minutes**  
**April 20, 2010**

Presiding member Casey Knobloch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance: Eric Zehr for John Hartness, Michele Marr, Leah Fletcher, Stephanie Matzke, Rhonda Zielsdorf, Hannah Denney, Chuck Feeney, Haley Stoller, Casey Knobloch, Brent Johnson, Shelbie Bigger, Lisa Meyer, Kelly Faulk, Shelly Forrest, Rick Johnston Kelly Throneburg, Shannon Dudek, Karen Krug, Brian Kurz, and Tim Fairchild.

Council members absent: Nancy Schuler, Becky Duley, Rich Kiefer, and John Garrels.

Shelly Forrest moved and Haley Stoller seconded the motion to approve the February 23, 2010 Minutes. The motion carried.

There was no old business.

Kelly Throneburg handed out and went over the proposed handbook changes for EPG Pre K – 5. No questions or comments were made.

Brian Kurz handed out and went over the proposed handbook changes for EPG Junior High. Questions were asked to clarify the field trip changes. It was also stated that there would be upcoming meetings on the sports eligibility changes that are being proposed.

Karen Krug handed out and went over the proposed handbook changes for the EPG High School. Cell phone changes were discussed and it was noted that both staff and students are in favor of the cell phone changes that have been in place. Over the last few months, Ms. Krug and Mr. Dudek reported that discipline issues' regarding cell phones has decreased dramatically and that students are being very responsible with regard to cell phone usage. Tardies were also discussed in addition to dress code concerns. The administrative team reported that they try to keep the policy dealing with the dress code generic enough to encompass changing fads.

Superintendent Rick Johnston showed the group the new website and discussed it can now be updated by more than one person, which will allow for new material to be added much more quickly than before. One area of concern is the fact that the site is running on Internet Explorer 6. Mr. Johnston also reported that they hope to have students helping with the updating of the web site.

Mr. Rick Johnston stated that curriculum and instruction is something that continues to be important and looked at by the district. Curriculum mapping was also mentioned as an area that will be addressed and worked on by the new Director of Instruction. Mr. Johnston also stated that having the administration realigned for next year will help in the area of curriculum and instruction in addition to having two way/open communications between the administration and teachers.

A member commented on the positive experience that she had with the IEP team from the district that met on her child.

Lisa Meyer commented on the extra effort that the JP office staff made when her son needed medical attention on numerous days.

It was noted that the calendar for next year is not set as of yet.

Mr. Johnston thanked all the member of the CAC for their continued service. He also stated that any member with a term of office that ends in 2010 could ask for a one-year extension by calling his office. He asked that these request be made soon, so that new members could be found for the 2010-2011 school year.

Casey Knobloch moved and Shelly Forrest seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The motion carried.