

September 21, 2009

The **ECHS Advisory Council** met on Sept. 21, 2009. The minutes from May 2009 were read and approved.

Principal's Report: Mr. Holloway called the meeting to order and appointments of the chairman and secretary took place. Arthur Smith will be chairman again and Stephanie Shady will be secretary.

Mr. Smith thanked all in attendance. We have a great group of interested parents and we hope this will continue. The following members were present: Ralph Holloway, Arthur Smith, Joyce McCune, Mitchell Lawrence, Cathy Jones, Anna Willis, Clyde Felton, Susan Drury, Karen Harrell-Tosto, Deana Lynk, Ginny Kroener, Jay Russell and Stephanie Shady. We also had several other "parent observers". We welcome everyone and remind parents, these meetings are open to the public if you have comments, concerns or are interested in attending.

New Business:

Mr. Holloway announced changes of administration/faculty/staff that has taken place for this school year. We welcome Mrs. Wendy Thomas back as she returns from maternity leave.

Continue to check school webpage for upcoming events. An AIG meeting will take place on Oct. 14. The school will try to alert as they can, with upcoming games, events, etc.

Renovations are on-going for buildings E and F. We do not want these renovations and other repairs to be forgotten. Continue to speak to commissioners/board members, as to your concerns for our students and our community. A great concern was expressed about the condition of the road, walk-ways, parking lot, near the athletic fields. Elderly folks are having some difficulty attending events due to the condition of the roads and surrounding areas. Arthur Smith, chairman, will "revisit" this at the next Board of Education meeting.

Graduation this school year (2009-2010) will be **June 10th** (unless there is a change due to weather)

Congrats to our **Speech and Debate** teams and our **band**. Both are doing well and representing our school in a fine manner. The **Speech and Debate** team won **first place** while at a competition in Fayetteville and the **band** brought home several **first place** trophies, while competing at Croatan High School.

Be sure to visit the **ECHS Band** and **Athletic** booths during the **Seafood Festival** on October 2-4!

Our next meeting will **October 19, 2009**, at **6:00 pm**. We hope to have Judson Walton, Keith Maready and others to attend, to discuss our concerns about renovations, repairs and the bond.