

**Houston County High School  
School Council  
Minutes of September 8, 2009**

The Houston County High School (HCHS) School Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00pm. The meeting was held in the Media Center, 920 Highway 96, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

**School Council Members Present:**

Sherrri Freeman, Principal  
Andy Rodriguez, Chairperson  
Charla Gregory, Secretary  
Angela Fussell  
Miriam Sporhauer  
Deanna Moore  
Rex Lewis

**School Council Members Absent:**

Alyson Keenom  
Cherri Nix

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Reflection:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and also asked those assembled to observe a minute of silence for those who perished on September 11, 2001, as well as those in the military who continue to ensure our nation's safety.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was distributed and posted IAW the Open Meetings Act. Moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that the School Council approves the agenda as written.

**MOTION:** Miriam Spornhauer

**SECOND:** Angela Fussell

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of July 28, 2009 were read and posted IAW the Open Meetings Act. Moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that the School Council approves the minutes as written.

**MOTION:** Charla Gregory

**SECOND:** Sherrri Freeman

**Recognition of Visitors:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez recognized visitors to the School Council meeting:

Amy Barbour, HCHS Assistant Principal

Laura Chitester, parent

Joseph Moore, parent

Betty Riley, parent

Patricia Rodriguez, parent

Shelia Williams, parent

Steven Williams, parent

Karen Wongk, parent Erin

Wood, parent

Robyn Wood, parent

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez also welcomed newly elected Houston County High School School Council member Deanna Moore, parent representative, to her initial council meeting.

**Principal's Report**

Principal Sherri Freeman passed along the following valuable information:

\*Standardized Testing. Results of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) have been received system-wide. HCHS test takers deserve special recognition for scoring higher than the national average. Juniors will be taking the Georgia High School Writing Test on September 30, 2009.

\*Progress reports will be sent home on September 17, 2009.

\*Exit survey. We are soliciting parental assistance in constructing the exit survey of last year's graduating class.

\*System Rezoning. On September 3, 2009 principals and school council members of the four county high schools were invited to an informal meeting regarding the processes involved in rezoning. The meeting was conducted by Mr. David Carpenter, Superintendent of Schools, and his staff. He emphasized that public rezoning meetings will be held soliciting community input.

\*School Improvement Plan (SIP). An updated SIP will be presented at the next meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez referred council members to the Ongoing and Open Items in the July 28, 2009 minutes:

\*Improving communication within our community. The school's homepage will contain updated information on upcoming school activities. Ms Freeman passed along that updating the website will transition with technology personnel changes. **ITEM**

**ONGOING**

\*Increasing parental/guardian, student, faculty and staff involvement & support. HCHS's Student/Teacher/Parent Organization (STPO) is up and running. STPO members passed out information pamphlets and signed up new members during the Freshman Orientation, as well as the school's Open House. The STPO's next meeting will be on September 14, 2009 at 6pm in the Media Center. All are invited to join. **ITEM ONGOING**

\*Creating more opportunities for student involvement. Continue to look for ways to allow for more student involvement in extra curricular activities in school as well as in the community. A rubric to capture student involvement within the community should be developed. **ITEM ONGOING**

\*School-wide surveys for students & parents. We will continue the idea of parent and student surveys during the academic year. The council members will be solicited for their input concerning the survey's method of employment, formulation of questions, target audience, etc. **ITEM OPEN**

\* Frequency of Meetings. Chairperson Andy Rodriguez proposed that the school council meets once per month. At the next scheduled regular meeting, the meeting dates will be set for the coming year. Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council meets once per month. **ITEM CLOSED**

**MOTION:** Angela Fussell

**SECOND:** Miriam Spornhauer

Voting in the affirmative: Andy Rodriguez, Angela Fussell, Miriam Spornhauer, Deanna Moore, Rex Lewis

Voting in the negative: Sherri Freeman, Charla Gregory

\*By-laws Review. The members were asked to review the by-laws for any other amendments, changes, additions or deletions. **ITEM OPEN**

### **New Business**

The following items were introduced:

\*Election of School Council Vice Chairperson. Andy Rodriguez opened the floor to discuss filling the vacant position. After much discussion, it was recommended by several members that the election be conducted at the next meeting. **ITEM OPEN**

\*School Council Member Training. Andy Rodriguez reminded the members that the next training opportunity for school council members will be on September 24, 2009, from 6-8pm, Herman Ragin Center, Houston County Board of Education, Perry.

### **Council Members Open Forum**

\*Mrs Miriam Spornhauer wanted to know how can we get our students in the classes they

want. She also asked about ensuring teachers are all in agreement in enforcing the dress code.

**Comments from Guests and Visitors**

\*A parent in attendance asked about Academic Opportunities: what are they; what subjects; who attends.

\*Mrs Robyn Wood asked about the frequency of grades being posted by teachers on SmartWeb.

\*Mrs Shelia Williams asked about the possibility of putting student/parent surveys on SmartWeb.

**Future Meeting Dates**

The next regular meeting will be on October 8, 2009 at 6pm in the Media Center.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chairperson Andy Rodriguez addressed the School Council to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Charla Gregory

**SECOND:** Angela Fussell

Respectfully submitted,

//signed//

CHARLA GREGORY, Secretary  
Houston County HS School Council

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ANDY RODRIGUEZ, Chairperson  
Houston County HS School Council