

**Houston County High School  
School Council  
Minutes of February 9, 2010**

The Houston County High School (HCHS) School Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 6:00pm. The meeting was held in the Media Center, 920 Highway 96, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

**School Council Members Present:**

Sherri Freeman, Principal  
Andy Rodriguez, Chairperson  
Cherri Nix, Vice Chairperson  
Miriam Spornhauer  
Alyson Keenom  
Rex Lewis

**School Council Members Absent:**

Charla Gregory, Secretary  
Deanna Moore  
Angela Fussell

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**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:** Sherri Freeman

**SECOND:** Miriam Spornhauer

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of January 12, 2010 were read and posted IAW the Open Meetings Act. Moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the School Council approves the minutes as written.

**MOTION:** Rex Lewis

**SECOND:** Sherri Freeman

**Recognition of Visitors:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez recognized visitors to the School Council meeting:  
Will Ray, Assistant Principal, HCHS  
Karen Wongk, parent

**Principal's Report**

Principal Sherri Freeman passed along kudos for the following:

- Shelley Hester and Sofia Rodriguez – Winners at the Houston Regional Science Fair
  - First place, Environmental Science category, High School division
  - American Meteorological Society Certificate of Outstanding Achievement for ability and creativity in an atmospheric science exhibit
  - United States Air Force Certificate of Achievement for an outstanding science or engineering fair project
  - U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize regional Award of Excellence for a water-related science research project. They will now compete for the state level award.
  - Selected to compete at the Georgia State Science and Engineering Fair to be held at the University of Georgia. This will be their third year in a row competing at state and their fourth time altogether.
- Coach Angela Crawford Region AAAAA Softball Coach of the Year

Ms Freeman also announced that the Georgia High School Graduation Test begins on March 15. There is continued effort to work with high impact students in targeted assistance in full classes during the school day, in Academic Opportunities times, and after school.

Ms Freeman also passed along that preparation is underway for the Junior Class Ice Cream Party on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 during AO1.

Finally, Ms Freeman informed those present that \$750 had been raised for the American Red Cross to be used for Haiti relief efforts. The money was raised by HCHS's chapter of the National Honor Society.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chairperson Rodriguez referred council members to the Ongoing and Open Items in the January 12, 2010 minutes:

\*Improving communication within our community. Communication to the public is better now that the calendar button on the school's homepage allows access to its contents. **ITEM ONGOING**

\*Increasing parental/guardian, student, faculty and staff involvement & support. HCHS's Student/Teacher/Parent Organization (STPO) will hold its Bear Bazaar on February 27, 2010 from 8am – 1pm. Additionally, all are invited to attend STPO meetings with the next regular meeting scheduled for March 1, 2010 at 6pm in the Media Center. Finally, Andy Rodriguez passed out a flyer from the Georgia DOE and the Georgia Parental Information and Resource Center with 15 ways for parents to play a role in their children's success in school. **ITEM ONGOING**

\*Creating more opportunities for student involvement. Let's continue to look for ways to allow for more student involvement in extracurricular activities in school as well as in the community. **ITEM ONGOING**

\*School-wide surveys for students & parents. Let's construct a one-page survey for parents that can be posted on the school's website. **ITEM OPEN**

\*Annual School Council Training. Chairperson Rodriguez met with the system's Director of Professional Development to discuss annual training. The director indicated that any training we require will be provided by the central office through a request from the principal. **ITEM**

## **CLOSED**

\*Establishment of a "Council of Councils." Chairperson Rodriguez is meeting with the system's Assistant Superintendent of School Operations to address this issue and will report back at the next meeting what was discussed. **ITEM OPEN**

\*"The Voice's" advertizing policy. Chairperson Rodriguez expressed concern over the advertizing appearing in "The Voice." Ms Freeman will speak with the teacher sponsor to clarify. **ITEM OPEN**

**New Business:**  
None

### **Members' Comments:**

Alyson Keenom mentioned dress code issues addressed for both males and females. Book bags as well. Drawstring book bags are addressed and allowed. Also, asked about any information on further furloughs.

Andy Rodriguez commended the Board of Education for gathering public comments on rezoning though forums, website comments and direct contact with elected board members. He felt that the board should have allowed public comment on the third rezoning proposal. HCHS School Council did have a proactive approach by meeting with board members about rezoning at school council meetings prior to the final rezoning decision being made.

### **Visitor's Comments:**

Mr Will Ray said that "Test Season" is upon us – make parents award. Data-driven identifiers are used to target students for Georgia High School Graduation Tests and End of Course Tests. There will be a meeting where parents can ask questions about the tests.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

The next regular meeting will be on March 9, 2010 at 6pm in the Media Center. Following meetings will be held at the same time and place on April 13 and May 11, 2010.

### **Adjournment:**

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

**MOTION:** Rex Lewis

**SECOND:** Cherri Nix

Respectfully submitted,

//signed//  
Alyson Keenom, Acting Secretary  
Houston County HS School Council

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ANDY RODRIGUEZ, Chairperson  
Houston County HS School Council