Houston County High School, School Council Meeting Minutes
September 09, 2010
6:00 P.M.
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School Council Members Present:

__X___ Carrie Sharples

__X___ Deneen Trask

__X___ Angela Fussell

__X___ Rex Lewis

__X___ Patty Martin

__X___ Jeff Grange

__X___ Debbie Schwanebeck

_____ Miriam Spornhauer

__X___ Sherri Freeman - Principal

Meeting Notes:

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion Rex Lewis

Second Patty Martin

School Council Members Voting for 7

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Election:

I. Motion to open the floor for Chairperson Nominations

A. Nomination 1 Ms. Trask

B. Nomination 2 _____

C. Nomination 3 _____

Results- Deneen Trask

II. Motion to open the floor for Vice Chairperson Nominations

A. Nomination 1 Ms. Sharples

B. Nomination 2 _____

C. Nomination 3 _____

Results- Carrie Sharples

III. . Motion to open the floor for Secretary Nominations

A. Nomination 1 Patty Martin

B. Nomination 2 _____

C. Nomination 3 _____

Results- Patty Martin

Recognition of Visitors (Please List)

1. **No visitors present**

Report of the Principal:

- Presented the current School Improvement Plan to the Council with additional data forthcoming at next School Council Meeting.
- Explanation of HCBOE Goal Area, Performance Objective, and Initiative

- Faculty and Staff members have been reduced from county budget cuts and the transferring of teachers and staff to Veterans due to reduced enrollment.
- Student enrollment was estimated to be just over 1800 for 2010-2011 school year; however, actual numbers are at 1900.
- Principal will bring other reports to the School Council as she gets them or as requested by School Council Members.

New Business

Meeting Dates and Times:

- Council opened floor for suggestions on meeting times:
    1. Option 1 was to meet monthly.
    2. Option 2 was to reduce meetings to quarterly.
    3. Ms. Freeman suggested changing meeting day for School Council to Thursdays so as not to conflict with STPO (student teacher parent organization) which meets on Tuesdays.

Sherri Freeman motioned for quarterly meetings on Thursday with Rex Lewis seconding; All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Meeting Dates:

Thursday October 28, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.

Thursday December 9, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.

Thursday February 3, 2011 @ 6:00 P.M.

Thursday April 7, 2011 @ 6:00 P.M.

Election for School Council Positions will be held on Thursday May 12, 2011 @ 6:00 P.M.

Bylaws can be reviewed on website to be revised next meeting.

Topics covered during session:

- Email communication from the public can be responded with taking the issue to the next School Council Meeting.
- Communication with the parents will continue with Callouts, Houston Home Journal, School Website, The Marquee, and Channel 17; School will provide an invitation for School Council Meetings, with dates and times, STPO (Student, Teacher, Parent, Organization) meetings, and Open House nights.
- Previous School Council Meetings have included precautionary school safety measures and protocol. Parent Council Members agreed that the presentation was informative and could include more parents.
- Suggested that Parents be more informed of career and academic track of students, with more involvement in class choices and tracks. Presently each student chooses courses with parental signatures.

Motion to adjourn before the tour of the school was presented by Ms. Trask and seconded by Jeff Grange. Meeting adjourned at 6:53.