

Houston County High School, School Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2011
6:00 P.M.
Media Center

School Council Members Present:

- Carrie Sharples
- Deneen Trask
- Angela Fussell
- Jeff Grange
- Debbie Schwanebeck
- Karen Manion
- Wesley "Dale" Martin
- Rose Powell

Meeting Notes:

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M.

Inspiration by Deneen Trask

Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion Karen Manion
Second Carrie Sharples

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion Deneen Trask
Second Debbie Schwanebeck

Recognition of Visitors

Ronnie Thomas, Lisa King, Mark Mercier, Emily Mercier, Rachel Ferraris

New Business (Principal Qualities)

Mr. Lunceford from the Central Office defined the Parent Council's role and tasks at hand. The Parent Council is to compile a list of what kind of candidate (ie. qualities, characteristics) we would want a principal to possess at Houston County High School. Mr. Lunceford took questions and then left the meeting so the council could discuss the qualifications they would like the next principal of Houston County High School to possess.

The teachers were already given the opportunity to give feedback to the central office so the following represents the qualifications parents desire to have in the next principal of Houston County High School.

Rachel Ferraris felt that interacting with the children and teacher staff support was very important. Ms. Ferraris also felt that good communication from the office staff and administration toward parents and students is important. Positive public relations promoted by the principal is very important to all visitors and students.

Karen Manion felt that a principal should stand behind the student handbook and discipline should be consistent from all levels of administration. Someone willing to address the "hard" issues even if it is not positive, then turn the issue in the right direction. Safety and drug issues need to be considered and dealt with.

Emily Mercer feels that longevity and a goal to "invest" in the school and the community with the primary goal to bring HOCO to the next level would be a desirable trait for a principal.

Mark Mercer stated that emphasis on academics and sports needs to be equitable. Mr. Mercer also feels that thinking outside the box (i.e. Magnet school or something within our own school.), is a quality he would like to see.

Debbie Schwenbeck would like to see a person good at delegating authority and discipline. The principal must have the focus on the students even before the staff. Also an individual who is a good financial manager, who is excited about both AP classes and sports. She ended with the need for a principal to always be focused on campus safety and to be able to lead the counselors and teachers to be people the students can trust.

Deneen Trask considered high moral character and showing evidence of community involvement highly desirable. Recognition of difficulties of military life and examples as to how they have helped and or given extra assistance to military families. The applicant should also be able to show how they have contributed to academic success of students and the schools they have lead with examples of successful programs they have implemented. School leadership experience is a must.

Carrie Sharples felt that knowledge and respect for technology (i.e. cell phones, i-pods) never be underestimated and dealt with consistently.

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Lisa King stated that extensive experience in secondary education with a “passion” for students at the secondary level (7-12).

Adjournment

Motion Deneen Trask

Second Karen Manion

Future Meeting Dates: Fall 2011