

Houston County High School, School Council Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2011

6:00 P.M.

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School Council Members Present:

Carrie Sharples

Deneen Trask

Del Martin

Jeff Grange

Dr. Michelle Masters - Principal

Meeting Notes:

- Meeting was called to order at 6:09

Inspiration

Principal Michelle Masters read inspirational words to open the meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

- Michelle Masters

Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Deneen Trask
- Second: Carrie Sharples

Unanimous

Review and Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Deneen Trask
- Second: Carrie Sharples

Unanimous

Election of Officer(s)

- Motion to open the floor for Secretary Nominations

Nomination 1: Del Martin

- Nomination 2:
- Nomination 3:

Results: Unanimous vote to elect Del Martin as Secretary.

Recognition of Visitors (Please List)

- Linda Horne, Rose Powell, and Kathy Brown.

Comments from Guests and Visitors

- Kathy Brown spoke regarding her input and involvement with Houston County High School over the past nine years. She stated that our school board is part of the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA.) Mrs. Brown expressed her concern tonight regarding GSBA urging the General Assembly to allow school boards the flexibility to give permission for a school council to represent more than one school. Parents need to go to the principal/assistant principal and ask what we can do to help you. The school council is in the best position to do that. Mrs. Brown also expressed her concern regarding the number of parents attending the council meetings.
- Deneen Trask spoke about the positive communication regarding the concerns and suggestions the council has voiced. She believes that the council provides the opportunity to communicate and it has made a difference.
- Dr. Masters views the council as valuable. Council is more about feedback dialogue, and communication rather than the actions taken. Academics is the primary focus, although we have to work together to make memories.

Report of the Principal:

- Dr. Masters invited Mrs. Horne, Assistant Superintendent of School Operations, to present information regarding the Houston County SPLOST for Education vote on November 8, 2011. Mrs. Horne presented the SPLOST power point as well as Questions & Answers that can also be found on the Houston County Schools website at www.hcbe.net. Mrs. Horne explained that there are three SPLOST priorities: Technology, Safety & Security and Facilities. Mrs. Horne stated that these funds would be used to create a better and safer learning environment for the students of Houston County.
- Deneen Trask asked about the security measures in the SPLOST. She expressed one of the concerns here at HCHS is the need for additional cameras. Mrs. Horne stated that security cameras for all schools are included in the SPLOST.
- Dr. Masters reviewed the school's AYP report for the 2010 – 2011. HCHS is one of two schools in the Middle GA area that made AYP. Dr. Masters commented that there is still work to do to raise achievement in subpopulation groups.
- Dr. Masters presented a draft of College and Career Ready Performance Index the State Department is presenting to the U.S. Department of Education to use as the new AYP indicator. Carrie Sharples commented on the draft and how attendance is an indicator on the proposed index for high school as it is currently in elementary schools. Dr. Masters stated that there is a draft for elementary and middle schools as well that she will make available.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Dr. Masters opened the discussion regarding the 2011-2012 meeting dates of the school council. The by-laws suggest a minimum of four meetings. The council must take into consideration the May meeting as the date for elections.
- Jeff Grange commented on the importance of the May meeting and the discussion regarding test results.
- Carrie Sharples stated that the discussion at the May meeting regarding the test results and the information provided was very beneficial. Mrs. Trask agreed.
- Dr. Masters asked everyone to go on the website and review the by-laws – there seems to be a discrepancy in office terms. Changes may need to be made to make it as effective as possible.
- Deneen Trask motioned for the 2011-2012 HCHS School Council Meeting Dates as November 3, January 19, March 15, and April 10 at 6:00 pm. Carrie Sharples seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

Motion – Deneen Trask

Second – Jeff Grange