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Houston County High School, School Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2012

6:00 P.M.

Media Center

School Council Members Present:

Michelle Masters

Deneen Trask

Jeff Grange

Debbie Schwanebeck

Karen Manion

Melanie Watson

Wesley "Del" Martin

Angela Fussell

Carrie Sharples

Meeting Notes:

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M.

Inspiration by: Carrie Sharples

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by: Deneen Trask

Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Deneen Trask

Second: Carrie Sharples

Unanimous

Approval of Minutes (November 3, 2011)

Motioned to approve as amended: Deneen Trask

Second: Carrie Sharples

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Recognition of Visitors

Kathy Brown, Gayla Pegues, and Rose Powell

Rose Powell (Reporting for Dr. Michelle Masters)

Reports from Council Members

None

Old Business (Community Partnership)

- Rose Powell reported that Dr. Masters discussed sponsorship suggestions with the coaching staff, following up from the previous meeting (Nov. 3, 2011), addressing the issue of increasing community sponsorships using a level system. She reported that the coaching staff expressed concerns of how a school wide sponsorship program might impact the already existing sponsorships for the various programs. It was reported that although listing sponsors on a pamphlet is a great idea, the staff has some concerns of making sure that all sponsors are recognized.

New Business (School Safety Plan)

- Mrs. Deneen Trask reported that Dr. Brian Christensen was unable to attend to present the School Safety Plan. He will present this report at the next school council meeting (March 15, 2012.)

Report of Principal

- Economics EOCT Results
 - Rose Powell reported for Dr. Michelle Masters. She informed the council that Dr. Masters apologizes for not being able to attend, but she was attending the HCHS Football Banquet in cafeteria.
 - Rose Powell reported that Houston County High School's Economics EOCT preliminary test scores indicates 78% of the students tested met standards. She explained that students now have the opportunity to retest online if they did not pass the test. Those students must participate in remediation within two weeks of the retest. Tutorials were offered at Houston County High and the students who needed to retest, were able to do so on January 17. Powell also mentioned that the EOCT test score results are available immediately due to a new state testing procedure.
 - Mrs. Powell responded to a visitor inquiring about the averaging of the EOCT retest that the higher of the two grades will be used to determine the students' final course average.

- Mrs. Powell mentioned the Teacher as Advisor Program will also assist in providing information regarding the new testing and graduation requirements for all students.
- Mrs. Trask inquired whether or not testing and Hope information could be placed on the school website.
- Mrs. Powell responded yes, and in addition the school has a link to GAcollge411 on the front page of the school website. This link is the best resource for up-to-date legislation and information regarding the Hope Scholarship. Mrs. Powell further stated that a statement under the link will be added to indicate that this is the link for Hope information.
- Concerns
 - Mrs. Kathy Brown read an email from former principal, Sherri Freeman, received in 2009, which stated STPO (Student Teacher Parent Organization), is on the Strategic Improvement Plan. She further expresses that the Improvement Plan she possesses states that STPO exists and should be taken off of the Strategic Improvement Plan if it does not exist. She inquired what other group is there for parents?
 - Mrs. Powell replied that the STPO entry on the School Improvement Plan had already been amended earlier this school year. Parent involvement is fostered through existing booster clubs and other various clubs not presently listed in the School Improvement Plan under stakeholder involvement.
 - Gayla Pegues inquired whether or not NI (non-instructional) days count as an absence and would this hinder students from exempting finals.
 - Mrs. Powell responded that NI absences are school sponsored activities and would not be considered when determining exemption status. She further explained that a student could not accumulate more than 10 NIs per year without the superintendent's approval.
 - Adjournment (6:50PM)
Motion: Deneen Trask
Second: Jeff Grange
Unanimous