

Houston County High School, School Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014

7:00 AM

Media Center

School Council Members Present:

Michelle Masters

Deneen Trask

Carrie Sharples

Stephanie Justen

Angela Crawford

Debbie Schwanebeck

Kenneth Cavanaugh

Karla Smart

Emerson Fromm

Meeting Notes:

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 AM

Inspiration by: Carrie Sharples

Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Approval of Agenda

- Motion-Deneen Trask
- Second-Carrie Sharples

Review and Approval of Minutes

- November 21
 - Motion-Stephanie Justen
 - Second-Karla Smart
- February 20
 - Motion-Karla Smart
 - Second-Carrie Sharples

Recognition of Visitors

- Dr. Todd Pryby, Mr. Andy Rodriguez, Mrs. Alyson Keenom

Reports from Council Members

- Coach Angela Crawford updated the council on spring sports achievements.
- Ms. Stephanie Justen mentioned that April is Autism Awareness month and the autism support program is collecting shoes for needy children as a service project.

New Business

- A. Technology Integration-Dr. Todd Pryby discussed the document cameras, Smart Boards, and projectors that were placed in the classrooms. The Media center lap has been out of commission but is now up and running for student use throughout the school day. The 912 computer lab is moving upstairs to room 1014 to optimize the larger size of the upstairs room. The school has asked for funding for another computer lab. Mrs. Alyson Keenom informed the committee about the BYOD policy and uses in the classrooms.
- B. School Safety- Dr. Todd Pryby described the weather safety schedule for the year that includes monthly fire drills, severe weather drills each fall and spring semester, and the Code Yellow and Red drills to prepare for emergency situations. Code Blue drills are practiced throughout the year with the medical emergency team. The better seeking team (BST) will work to improve school safety when they meet for the summer retreat. Discussing was made with regard to security cameras and their use. There are currently 32 cameras installed around the building at this time, half of which are improved digital cameras which allow for better viewing. Security cameras are placed in strategic locations around the building. The committee discussed the possibility of purchasing more cameras; however, the funds are not available at this time. Dr. Pryby stated that the assistant principals rely on the cameras to investigate issues that occur in the hallways, but at this time there is not a person to watch the live video feed for the entire school day. The committee discussed the multiple points of entry and egress. Dr. Pryby and Mrs. Keenom discussed the duties of the security guard and the use of two SRO officers who monitor the campus each week.

Report of Principal

- A. Dr. Pryby discussed the renovations that begin in December of 2014 or January of 2015 with construction lasting for about a year. Bids will go out October 2014 with a lead bid from Parrish Construction. Construction will occur wing by wing with the use of trailers as alternate classroom sites. The two story building, science building, and theater will not be renovated at this time. There will be major changes to the fine arts building for band and chorus. Art will be relocated to the 300 hall (current Humanities classroom). The main building of the school will receive new ceilings, lighting, and flooring as well as other cosmetic upgrades. The school is working with the state BOE to secure funding for a new roof.
- B. Mrs. Keenom stated that moral was great with the teachers and students this year. Governor's Honors were named with HCHS receiving eight nominations, the highest in the county. Discussion was made with regard to the English Language Learners (ELL)

population. Most of the ELL students have passed the GHSWT with the support of the ELL teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Maneely, who will be leaving the school at the end of the year. There are currently thirteen jobs posted for HCHS and Mrs. Keenom receives numerous resumes each day.

Mrs. Keenom mentioned the needs of the school include updated safety plans and improved scores from the ELL and special education population. Mrs. Keenom also discussed the new teacher evaluation method that will be in place next school year. The new system will focus more on student growth as measured by EOCT scores and pre/posttests. The state BOE sent copies of current student growth reports this month and they were distributed to students with their progress reports.

- C. Parent Comments- Mrs. Karla Smart stated that she was pleased with the improvements with the honors program.

Adjournment

- Motion: Stephanie Justen
- Second: Karla Smart

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 AM