

# **Houston County High School**

## ***A Nationally Recognized School of Excellence***

### ***Houston County System Mission and Vision Statements***

*Our system mission is to produce high-achieving students.*

*Our system vision is that our system will be world-class.*

### ***HCHS Mission and Vision Statements***

*Our school mission is to expect excellence in Academics, Athletics, the Arts, and Service.*

*Our school vision is to foster a foundation for life-long learning and personal excellence.*

### **School Council Meeting Minutes**

#### **April 11, 2023**

#### **7:00 A.M. in the Media Center**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Meeting called to order by Dr. Douglas Rizer at 7:06am.
  - b. Members present: Dr. Douglas Rizer, Marissa Parrish, Trish Peters, Vicki Renteria-Silva, Crina Brock, Dr. Jay K. Jones, and Etolia Van Buskirk.
2. Inspiration: “Life is more exciting when things are uncertain. Uncertainty teaches resilience, and resilience gives me the awareness I need to become my best self.” Author Unknown
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes Dr. Douglas Rizer, Principal
  - a. Motion to Approve- Marisa Parrish
  - b. Second- Vicki Renteria-Silva
5. Approval of Agenda Dr. Douglas Rizer
  - a. Motion to Approve – Marisa Parrish
  - b. Second – Vickie Renteria-Silva
6. Recognition of Visitors Dr. Douglas Rizer
  - a. Visitors Recognized
    - i. Alena Dietzman
7. Reports from Council Members Dr. Douglas Rizer
  - a. Passport Around the World was a big success this year. It was held at Perdue Primary. Parents representing 17 countries brought food samples and performed. There was standing room only in the theater holding at least 700 people. Reported by Crina Brock.

- b. There was a school shooting in Nashville, TN. The school and officers did a great job locking down the school. In our school and county we have Centegix for the last 2 months. This has been a huge improvement. Each teacher has a badge. 3 clicks on the badge alert the administration to an emergency they should get to immediately and shows the badge location on an app each administrator has on their phone. 8 or more clicks (Code Red) will shut down the school immediately taking over all computers and Smart Boards. This has worked well for Code Blue situations so far. Ultimately the goal is for the Code Red clicks to also immediately alert the county/city 911 system in order to minimize reaction time.
- 8. Old Business
  - a. Announcement of Principal
    - i. Due to new position assignments such as our upcoming principal, Dr. Jones, there are many people performing multiple rolls. This is going well, but does put more work on these people.
  - b. Winter MAPS Scores
  - c. Tardy Party
  - d. Teacher Recruitment Fair
  - e. Digital Learning Day
  - f. Athletic Update
- 9. New Business
  - a. Tardy Party Dr. Douglas Rizer
    - i. 1,264 students attended the Tardy Party which required 3 or less tardies and no previous disciplinary issues. The next Tardy Party will require more strict criteria to get into and will be held on 5/17/23. We try to correspond this with yearbook distribution so the students can have their yearbook signings during the party.
  - b. Winter MAPS Scores Dr. Douglas Rizer
    - i. Our students “Crushed it!” on the recent MAPS tests. Teachers found ways to encourage students since these tests do not affect their grades and require much motivation. They gave different incentives. This year the testing

environment was more serious, and the schedule reflected that. The District Office said our scores were “the highest High School scores ever seen”.

- ii. Score Report (see attached) reviewed.
- iii. “Achievement and Growth percentiles were higher than everyone else’s.” Dr. Jay Jones
- iv. Due to schools deliberately getting low scores in the Fall so they can show growth in the Spring the District Office is looking at the Achievement Scores more heavily. Our high achievers also showed high growth and high achievement.
- v. “Teachers have to sell it and be positive about the testing.” Crina Brock

c. Introduction of Dr. Jones

Dr. Douglas Rizer

- i. “I’m excited to get started!” Dr. Jay Jones
- ii. “Dr. Jones really listens and asks questions. He has done a good job hiring and making the transition go well.” Dr. Douglas Rizer
- iii. Three English teachers retired; some teachers are moving around the county. We are almost fully hired.

d. Athletic Update

- i. Dr. Rizer will be taking FFA to the District Office for winning state.
- ii. Literary team won state.
- iii. Baseball is off to a great start! They are #1 in the state in all areas and should clinch region this week.
- iv. Boys and Girls soccer are doing well. The Girls’ team has a new coach this year, Ms. Wells, and won region. Boys took 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- v. Track is doing well. The county championship is today. They took 1<sup>st</sup> place in their last meet.
- vi. Both tennis teams are doing well. Boys should win region today and the Girls are competing for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- vii. After today we should be 4 points ahead in the All-Sports Trophy competition.

e. Upcoming Dates

- i. Sophomore Awards- April 13<sup>th</sup>

- ii. Junior Awards- April 18<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Senior Awards- May 10<sup>th</sup>
- iv. Prom- April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- v. School Council Elections- May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:54am by Dr. Douglas Rizer.