

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 September 21, 2021 7:00 A.M. in the Bear Center

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order by Marisa Parrish at 7:04am.
 - b. Members present: Marisa Parrish, Dr. Douglas Rizer, Trish Peters, Vicki Renteria-Silva, Crina Brock, April Bragg and Lexi Henry.
2. Inspiration Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
 - a. “When you want something different in your life, you need to start moving in different ways. Because those old keys won’t open new doors, and nothing will change unless you do...So take a deep breath and push through that discomfort- you’ll be alright.” *Author Unknown*
3. Pledge of Allegiance Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
4. Approval of Agenda Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
 - a. Motion to Approve - Vicki Renteria-Silva
 - b. Second – Marisa Parrish
5. Recognition of Visitors Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
 - a. Visitors Recognized
 - a. None
6. Reports from Council Members Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
 - a. No reports submitted
7. Report from Principal

- a. Dr. Rizer reported that discipline issues have increased this year system-wide. This is believed to be due to students being virtual last year and out of the habit of being required to follow the school rules.
- b. Twenty five students from Houston County High are virtual. The administration is pleased that this quantity is so low because being in person is what's best for kids.

8. New Business

- a. Election of new officers: Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary (officers we need to replace)
 - i. Marisa Parrish was nominated for Chair and voted in unanimously.
 - ii. Lexi Henry was nominated for Vice Chair and voted in unanimously.
 - iii. Trish Peters was nominated for Secretary and voted in unanimously.
- b. Meeting dates for the year
 - i. The School Council will meet four times per year. The future meetings are scheduled for the following and will be held in the Bear Center:
 - 1. November 16, 2021 7:00am
 - 2. February 15, 2022 7:00am
 - 3. April 19, 2022 7:00am
 - 4. May 17, 2022 6:00pm (this meeting will be held in the cafeteria due to elections)
- c. Covid numbers and changes
 - i. Dr. Rizer stated that the Board of Education is saying homecoming dances will be postponed at least, but possibly canceled completely due to the increase in Covid cases. April Bragg stated that the Chamber of Commerce has encouraged this stance as well due to the liability falling on the school system if students are too close and get sick. It is known that students will hold their own private events which is out of the school system's control. Some school homecoming events will still take place.
 - ii. Dr. Rizer reported that the number of Covid/quarantine cases increased dramatically three weeks ago, but has gone down since. The procedure for quarantining students is for administrators to pull students out of their classes, give them a letter for their parents to receive when they see them and contact

their parents. Administrators will speak with parents if they have questions. Parents decide if their child will wear a mask for ten days at school or quarantine at home. Teachers are struggling to keep the students who quarantine caught up on their work. Students are not doing the work that is being put on Google Classroom or given to them otherwise and are returning from quarantine behind. This has effected teacher morale as well as student morale. Furniture is continuing to be spaced out in ways to limit contact between students. If possible, furniture is six feet apart. Teacher morale has also been affected by new curriculum coming for some departments.

d. Miscellaneous

- i. Crina Brock asked if there are plans for the county to build a new high school due to Houston County High being beyond capacity. Dr. Rizer said there are no current plans, but is hopeful the Board of Education will redistribute some of our classes to other schools. This would alleviate a good deal of the capacity issue at Houston County High.

9. Next Meeting

- a. November 16, 2021 7:00am in the Bear Center

10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:43am by Marisa Parrish, Chairperson.