

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 20, 2023

7:00 A.M. in the Media Center

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order by Dr. Jay Jones at 7:18am.
 - b. Members present: Dr. Jay Jones, Marisa Parrish, Lyndsy Fischer, Etolia Van Buskirk, Steve Howard, and Shayna Brown.
2. Inspiration
 - a. "I always did something I was a little not ready to do. I think that's how you grow. When there's that moment of 'Wow, I'm not really sure I can do this' and you push through those moments, that's when you have a breakthrough." ---Marissa Mayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Members Dr. Jay Jones
5. Reports from Council Members Members in Attendance
 - a. Great feedback in transition of new leadership. Parents/community love school.
 - b. Major Scarver-resigned-process to fill position takes time; communication would be good from school to parents/students regarding leaving quickly
6. Report from the Principal Dr. Jay Jones
 - a. Athletics-Cody Stripling-new voice of the Bears-doing a great job!
 - b. Pushing students to participate-seeing an increase in excitement and participation from all students-see students do better when involved in something they are passionate about
 - c. Administration more active role in duty-moving locations during class changes and throughout the hallways; talking with students during lunch
 - d. Call out=communication for emergencies-use a little less sparingly; utilize email to send out reminders and weekly activities
 - e. Loves being a principal! Assimilating in the culture with a fresh start
7. New Business Dr. Jay Jones/Members
 - a. Review of members contact information
 - b. Election/Renewal of new officers (Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary)
 - i. Chair: Marissa Parrish
 - ii. Vice Chair: Etolia Van Buskirk

- Nominated: Marissa Parrish
- Seconded: Steve Howard
- iii. Secretary: Shayna Brown
- Nominated: Steve Howard
- Seconded: Etolia Van Buskirk

c. Training verification for new members

d. Meeting dates for the year

- i. November 29, 2023; February 21, 2024; April 24, 2024
- ii. All meetings begin at 7:15am , will be held in Bear Center, and will last approximately 45 minutes

e. Report on the start of the new year

- i. Great team of administrators, teachers, support staff
- ii. Transition has gone smooth-limited hiccups that were handled quickly and effectively
- iii. Working hard to maintain the standard we have set for all students, staff and stakeholders, etc
- iv. Safety concern/discipline issue: drug concern-vapes; focus on creating a safe environment for all students and staff; created new morning release times and procedure to limit students out of the classroom in the first and last ten minutes of each period

f. Athletics, club, organization updates and upcoming events

- i. All groups get the same support!
- ii. Band selected to participate at Carnegie Hall and one other organization this school year
- iii. Big football games coming up-Warner Robins, Northside and Lee County; Lee County game will be broadcasted on tv

8. Questions/Additional Comments

9. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:00am by Dr. Jay Jones.