

# 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.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School Council Meeting Minutes</b> <b>March 4, 2021</b> <b>7:00 A.M. in the Media Center</b></p>
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1. Call to Order
  - a. Meeting called to order by Marisa Parrish at 7:07am.
  - b. Members present: Marisa Parrish, Dr. Douglas Rizer, Trish Peters, Vicki Renteria-Silva and Lexi Henry.
  
2. Inspiration Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
  - a. “When people are financially invested, they want a return. When people are emotionally invested, they want to contribute.” *Simon Sinek*
  
3. Pledge of Allegiance Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
  
4. Approval of Agenda Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
  - a. Motion to Approve - Vicki Renteria-Silva
  - b. Second – Trish Peters
  
5. Recognition of Visitors Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
  - a. Visitors Recognized
    - i. Student- Peyton Parrish
  
6. Reports from Council Members Marisa Parrish, Chairperson
  - a. No reports submitted
  
7. Old Business
  - a. PBIS-
    - i. Dr. Rizer stated using the PBIS system for students to help with sanitizing in a safe way has helped keep teachers to remain diligent.

- b. Virtual/Face-to-Face Learning-
    - i. Students continue to struggle with virtual learning. The graduation rate is expected to drop this year in part due to virtual students getting jobs while at home, then choosing full time income instead of school.
  - c. COVID-19-
    - i. Covid numbers have dropped drastically since January within the school.
    - ii. Governor Kemp approved for educators to be eligible for the Covid vaccine. It will be offered to teachers at school in the same manner the flu shot is offered.
8. New Business
- a. Prom-
    - i. The Board of Education has approved high schools having prom this year. The Houston County High School prom will be April 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm-11:30pm at the Perry Ag Center.
    - ii. Normally we use 1/3 of the space allocated at the Ag Center, but will be using ¾ of it this year in order to socially distance.
    - iii. Students will have an open air place to go outside if they need to take their mask off.
    - iv. There will be health checks at the door including taking temperatures.
    - v. Tickets went on sale yesterday, 3/3/21.
    - vi. While a private local business, Rigby's, had planned to hold prom the administration feels the school staff is better trained to regulate and supervise a social gathering such as this in a safe way. Rigby's has agreed to cancel its planned event and reimburse students for the tickets.
  - b. Advisement-
    - i. Advisement this year was held virtually using Zoom due to Covid. Teachers, counselors and administrators gathered in the school cafeteria to hold scheduled Zoom sessions with parents that requested them.
    - ii. Distance learners dropped their registration forms off in a drive-through manner in order to limit contact.

- iii. The school is anticipating going back to seven class periods per day next year with no distance learning within Houston County High School. The W.I.N. Academy may offer distance learning in special cases.
  - iv. CTAE lost students due to the day being shortened and an elective being removed this year. Administrators and staff are aware that students need to be exposed to a variety of CTAE classes so they can learn what jobs and skills are available. Students need opportunities to try different skills and see what they might be interested in pursuing in college or in a career.
  - v. Marisa Parrish stated that many parents are not aware of the CTAE 3 year pathways. In order to promote this Trish Peters will get a CTAE recruitment video to Crystal Jackson for the school social media outlets.
- c. Job Fair-
- i. Dr. Rizer stated that the job fair was held virtually this year. Houston County High School has 5 openings currently in comparison to 20 openings a couple of years ago. Interviews begin next week. The openings are posted on the county website.
- d. Educational Opportunities-
- i. Dr. Scott is putting what he calls the “Power of 15” in place within our high schools. It will allow high school students to graduate with 15 college credit hours without leaving their high school campus. This is being accomplished by teachers getting certified through Central Georgia Technical College so they are able to teach dual enrollment courses in the high school. Each course is worth 3 college credit hours. Currently there are 4 courses being offered with 1 more to be added next year. This alleviated the need for students to drive to a college campus which requires 2 class periods. It allows students without cars to have an opportunity to get college credit as well.
  - ii. Vicki Renteria-Silva stated that some teachers are not continuing to sanitize as much as they did when we initially began the school year. Dr. Rizer said this would be emphasized more.
  - iii. Vicki Renteria-Silva also stated that there seems to be a delay with some teachers putting work on Google Classroom for students when they are

quarantined. This is causing students to get overloaded with work right before their quarantine time is complete coinciding with when they are returning to campus. Dr. Rizer said this is probably due to teachers not having time away from students throughout the day and explained that teachers are not without students during the day even for lunch. He will continue to emphasize the importance of teachers placing work on Google Classroom for the students in a timely manner.

9. Next Meeting

- a. Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00am

10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:46am by Marisa Parrish, Chairperson.