

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Homestead Parents Club Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2017
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Start time 11:02 am

Present: (8 attendees) Heather Wilcox, HHS Parents Club President, Karen Kirby, HHS Parents Club Treasurer, Elizza Wesner, HHS Parents Club Secretary, Dave Graney, Christina McArdle, Meagan Milne, and Chris Perez.

Welcome by Heather Wilcox, President.

Guest: Officer Jesse Tuttle, Allen County Sheriff and Student Resource Officer at Homestead High School

Teen Sexting

- Law enforcement prefers the parents address and educate their students on this issue.
- Nothing is deleted forever from the Internet.
- Snapchat and Facebook messenger are other areas for parents to monitor.
- Parents should know all their child's passwords.
- Taking an inappropriate sexually charged photograph can lead to the possession of child pornography **and dissemination of information harmful to minors (both felony crimes)**
- Producer-Distributor-Receiver of such photograph of is a Level 6 Felony.
- Dissemination of inappropriate photographs is harmful to a minor.
- This includes sending, saving, or showing an inappropriate photograph.
- Law enforcement will be involved if the content becomes a distraction/disruption in school among the students and when bullying, malicious intent, blackmail and threats are involved.
- What to do if your student is in this situation:
 - 1.) Don't be the subject of an inappropriate photograph.
 - 2.) If you are, do not send it. If you are harassed into doing so, tell an adult immediately.
 - 3.) If you receive an inappropriate photograph, delete it immediately and document (write down) the sender, the time and date it was sent, and describe the content of the photograph. Do not screenshot or save it.
 - 4.) Tell an adult immediately.
- Parents, you are in charge, you make and enforce the rules and take their phone away.
- Parents, it is a good idea to have the phone numbers of your child's closest friends.
- www.commonsensemedia.org

Teen Prescription Drug Abuse

- Prescription Drugs are easier for teens to obtain due to the likelihood that adults may have them legally prescribed and unsecured within the home.
- Prescription Drug abuse by teens is on the rise due to the perceived "safe use" and ease of access in which they are obtained.
- Prescription Drugs are **NOT** safer than illegal drugs when used without the guidance of a healthcare physician

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- Advice for Prescription Drugs in the Home:
 1. Keep track of the number of Prescription Pills you have in your possession
 2. Throw out old or expired prescription drugs
 3. Keep your prescription drugs secured (locked) within your home
- Adderall and Ritalin, prescription drugs to treat attention deficit and hyperactivity, are popular stimulants used among teens to help them cope with school stress.
- However, these prescription drugs affect the body differently for those who are not properly diagnosed with this specific condition.

Teen Marijuana Abuse

- Colorado legalizing marijuana is problematic to teens in other states. Marijuana can be purchased online.
- Liquid THC is dangerous to teens and adults. It is a very high concentration and can be put in food such as gummy bears. Teens are failing random drug tests due to high levels of THC even if they do not smoke marijuana.
- Tell your children not to eat candy-Skittles or gummy bears-offered from anyone unless they see it come directly from the original packaging.
- <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/parents>

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm