

Minutes

Homestead Parent Club Meeting

January 14, 2016

Meeting began at 11:02

Present: *Kathy O'Shaughnessy, President; Heather Wilcox, Vice President; Judy Fehlhaber, Treasurer; Kim Brown, Secretary; Jennifer Londini, Saghi Togashi, Sandy Thomas, Elizza Wesner, Amy McGuire, Julie Anderson, Joelle White, Megan Milne, Gina Kiess, Jennifer Ennis, Jennifer Bennett, Linette Godfry, Cindy Volk, Renee Engelhart.*

Welcome by Kathy O'Shaughnessy.

Principal, Park Ginder

- Want to address questions that are currently circulating:
 - Question 1: *Why didn't we close yesterday?* It was going to be just as cold two hours later in the morning as it was at the regular start time. A 2-hour delay wouldn't have made a difference.
 - Question 2: *We will never have a 2-hour delay again?* E-days are very valuable. With delays, students change classes every 27 minutes. Are delays more productive than e-learning days? They've been discussing it.
- Editorial on Dual Credit Classes in the News Sentinel by a Homestead graduate. Impression was that we are sacrificing AP for dual credit. Trying to create a deeper curriculum that serves the needs of more students. We now have almost 60 dual credit classes. We also have the senior experience. Can cut years and dollars off their high school program. Kids are earning 4300 dual credits. Senior experience students are taking 333 dual credits this year. We have lots of AP kids in the dual credit program. No AP classes offered in senior experience. This is about options for kids. Our middle is so deep. We have a lot of kids who aren't at the top and aren't at the bottom. We have smaller class size. Saghi Togashi-- some of the teachers doing senior experience are new. They aren't prepared how to teach a block schedule because it is so new. Mr Ginder-- it can take a year and a half to get used to teaching in block.
- Scholastic art exhibition. May ask for a curriculum grant to support these entries. Each entry is \$5.00. Suggestion – collect donations during fine arts week to support the student entries. Art department will be asking if any parent would like to help in the art room in November, December, and January. Organizing. Matting, entry forms. Etc. Kathy will request volunteers in our next newsletter.

Guest Speakers, Kim Brown and Kathy O'Shaughnessy, P2P: Conversations About College

1. Have conversations with your child about their interests, the type of community they would like to live in and what type of activities they wish to pursue

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2. Do preliminary searches to learn more. Visit college websites. Use college guidebooks. Go on college visits.
3. Complete the application process. Start a College Box during freshman year to collect all their awards, test scores, and teacher recommendations (junior year). Take the SAT and ACT. Complete 6-9 applications. Complete the FAFSA. Weigh your options. Discuss finances with your students.

Business Meeting, Kathy O'Shaughnessy, Vice President

- Officer Reports
 - **Minutes:** Motion to accept with corrections. Judy Fehlhaber. Second. Heather Wilcox
 - **Presidents Council Meeting** --resiliency plan by Steve Lake. We will host an evening event with him. He will be talking at all of the schools. Also discussed the referendum. Dr. Downs will be here for our next meeting to discuss the referendum and what will happen if we renew it and what won't happen.
 - **Vice President**--Alicia DiGuilio sent out letters to teachers who were awarded grants.
 - **Treasurer**-- Judy. Income is over our budgeted amount. The practice exams are increasing. That committee is doing a fabulous job advertising and emphasizing the importance of the exam. Paid out \$2200 in curriculum grants already.
- Committee Members
 - Feb 3 is next staff appreciation. Sign up genius attached to newsletter email.
- Eliza Werner will be our next secretary. Karen Kirby will be our next Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned 1:13 pm

Respectfully submitted with revisions by Kim Brown.