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**Homestead Parent Club Meeting**

**April 14, 2016**

Start time 11:13 am

**Present:** *Kathy O’Shaughnessy, President; Heather Wilcox, Incoming President; Elizza Wesner, Secretary; Judy Fehlhaber, Treasurer; Tina Keinsley, Incoming Vice-President, Cindy Volk, Joelle White, and Meagan Milne*

**Welcome** by Kathy O’Shaughnessy, President. Since the Art Fair was on display in the Community Room, the meeting was moved to the main office large conference room.

**Guests: Park Ginder, Principal, and Jen Bay, Assistant Principal**

* In 2014, the Parent Club gave a grant to Homestead HS for a student leadership program lead by Ted Wiese.
* Mr. Ginder and Mrs. Bay met with us today to discuss the success of the program.
* This Student Leadership Program is led by Ted Wiese [www.HearTedTalk.com](http://www.HearTedTalk.com) . Students are selected by staff members. The staff is asked to identify first and second tier leaders. This means they look for leaders of ALL types. Not only the natural leaders, but those who lead quietly, in different ways, who have potential as leaders, but perhaps don’t recognize that in themselves.
* The students selected are sent an invitation to participate in the program. In 2014, 280 students participated in four sessions. In 2015, 420 students participated. Students who are in elected government positions are automatically invited to this program.
* The program has grown to now six sessions with 450-480 students. A question was asked; why not offer it to everyone? Because of logistics and the challenge of leading a large group of students, the number of students involved must be limited.
* The program covers areas such as working in groups, recognizing differences, acceptance of others, there is a moral piece to the program, making a difference, and building up a student’s confidence.
* The program wants to foster a feeling that they are not alone, there are other students who care about Homestead HS, they want to impact Homestead in a positive way, teach them to look at peers positively even though they are different. The belief is that good spirit fosters good spirit.
* The students who finish the program are given a bright pink rubber key chain, very simple, but reminds them of their experience and what they learned. The words “I Feel Great” are written on the keychain. Many students still carry this keychain and they carry it with pride.
* Mrs. Bay shared with the group the positive comments: new clubs have developed from ideas discussed during the program, a document/blog where students give positive comments, and ideas and that lift the group up.
* She would like a student or group of students to drive what they learned to the student body instead of Mrs. Bay giving them direction. The goal of this leadership program is have it student lead.

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* Thankfully, a corporate sponsor has assumed the role of sponsoring this leadership program. The corporate sponsor saw the impact and importance of the program. This sponsor’s name was not revealed.
* In conclusion, we felt that the Parent Club made a wise investment in this program. It was not a “once and done” type investment.

**Business Meeting, Kathy O’Shaughnessy, President**

* The Parent Club decided to grant $2,500.00 to Mr. Ginder for Dean Shareski’s speaking fee. Dean will reach a large number of teachers during the October Flex Day from Summit, Woodside, and Homestead. “Dean has had the opportunity to speak to a variety of education audiences both nationally and internationally. His passion remains helping teachers explore the affordances of technology for learning. Dean believes humor and humility go a long way in supporting and advocating transformational practices in teaching and learning”. (visit <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/what-we-offer/professional-development/speakers-bureau/dean-shareski.cfm>).
* We welcomed Tina Keinsley as the incoming Vice President. She will begin her term in the 2016-2017 school year.
* We welcomed Heather Wilcox as the incoming President. Heather will assume her role from Kathy O’Shaughnessy. She will begin her term in the 2016-2017 school year.
* We welcomed Karen Nolan Kirby as the incoming Treasurer. Karen will assume her role from Judy Fehlhaber. She will begin her term in the 2016-2017 school year.
* The 2016-2017 term for the new Board Members begins May 26, 2016. The last day of school for SACS is May 25, 2016.
* Updated most of the bylaws. The bylaws have not been revised since 2004. The bylaws revision will continue
* Jen Bay needs to be invited to a future Parents Club meeting to discuss clubs available to students

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm