

Minutes
Homestead Parent Club Meeting
March 12, 2015

Present: *Kathy O’Shaughnessy, President; Kim Brown, Secretary; Cindy Volk, Jennifer landini, Lana Peters, Madeline Negrón, Linette Godfry, Elizza Wesner.*

The meeting began at 11:04 am.

Welcome by Kathy O’Shaughnessy.

Principal, Park Ginder

- Changes to Grading Scale -- School Board Presentation – 3 part proposal:
 - Grade Scale – tradition scale – action vote on Tuesday
 - Phase out Valedictorian designations and phase in Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude. Instead of honoring only 2 kids, we would be honoring 68 kids. Only one student is Summa Cum Laude this year. Instead of a cord, give them a medal.
 - In next few weeks will advertise for anyone who wants to be a part of a study group to change grade weighting to encourage kids to take more difficult courses.

Graduation Requirement Changes with Class of 2016 -- Lindsay Lackland, Director of Guidance Department

- Big changes from the State of Indiana for Graduation Requirements:
 - Require quantitative reasoning (QR) or mathematics every year of High School. QR – Math, Science,
 - 6 math credits while in high school to meet diploma requirements.
 - Repeating a math class (not prepared to move on to the next level of math class) counts as taking Quantitative Reasoning. If they retake it, they don’t get to claim 4 credits for the class. They claim the 2 with the best grade. For a Core 40 with Academic Honors, must have 8 credits in math. The retake credits won’t count.
 - The State Legislators believed that many students were taking easier classes during their senior year.
- Academic Honors Changes – two AP courses with exam or 2 dual credits. Change – Dual Credit class must come off of the Priority Course List. The State determines what makes it a Priority Dual Credit.
- Most students should have already planned for these changes.
- Anticipate that the new Computer Applications Project Lead the Way course will apply to the Quantitative Reasoning and the Dual Credit requirements.
- Personal Finance is one of Homestead’s requirements. It is not a state requirement.
- May offer second semester Algebra II during the summer at Homestead. Concordia High School also offers classes over the summer.
- PE II Waiver with class of 2019. If in a sport, band, dance, etc. students can earn PE II credit for PE participation.
- 43% of Homestead graduates earn the Academic Honors Diploma.
- Class of 2016 change in Technical Diploma, they added the options that apply to the Academic Honors Diploma.
- Anthis Career Center is changing their name and will be called the Career Academy.
- The Guidance Center has evening hours so they can meet with parents.
- 3.87 GPA required for admission to engineering at Purdue

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Business Meeting, Kathy O'Shaughnessy, President

- Approval of last month's minutes. Saghi Togashi moved to approve the minutes. Linette Godfry seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.
- College Fair was held. Some feedback
 - needs to be longer
 - IU, Purdue lines were very long. Need more reps to come.
 - Great turn out
 - We help serve dinner to the reps and pass out water during the evening to the reps
- PCC Meeting – talked about the grading scale changes. Also discussed the survey for the Downs Center.
- Need a chair for Senior Activity Day
- SAT/ACT Practice Test is this weekend. Take home tests are due by March 23rd. If can't make it on Saturday, they can pick up the test on Saturday from 10:00-1:00 or in the front office next week. The review session is March 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Brown.