

Minutes
Homestead Parent Club Meeting
September 13, 2018

Present: There were 9 present, including Liz Auger, Tanya Dely, Pam Guzman, Christine Marcuccilli, Cindy Maucione, Chris Perez, Therese Talluto, Cindy Volk, Elizza Wesner, Monica Willits

Welcome: by Chris Perez. She thanked everyone for coming and thanked Eliza for starting a Homestead Twitter Account. Ms. Perez then welcomed new Board members co-VP Jennifer Kennedy, Treasurer Cindy Maucione, and Secretary Tanya Dely.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Park Ginder joined the meeting. He said that the school year was off great start and that Homestead had 2,400 students. He then discussed several parents concerns that had been raised; (1) Vaping; (2) Missing School Resource Officer; and (3) Metal Detectors. He explained that vaping is treated like tobacco use at school and a ticket will be issued by police. He discussed that we have two school resource officers for the nine schools. Typically, there is one at Homestead, and the other rotates among the middle schools. Next, he discussed that there were no plans to use metal detectors for daily use.

Dr. Ginder gave an update on the future plans for Homestead and explained that contacts had been made with architectural firms, and that a firm would be selected based on interviews at the January/February school board meeting. At that time, the Board would decide with the firm, and other community input whether to build new or renovate. It would take 6-12 months of design time before contractors can start construction.

Finally, Dr. Ginder gave an update on what's happening in the classrooms. He said that 37 HHS teachers were doing formative assessments. He also said that over 4000 dual enrollment courses would be taken at HHS this year.

Ms. Perez then turned it over to Cindy Maucione for a Treasurer's Report.

Treasurers Report: Ms. Maucione distributed copies and reviewed financial performance for the PTA to date. She discussed that membership was up from last year, but that ACT/SAT practice exam sign-up were down. The Club discussed amending the budget to add \$100 to frame art at the school administrative office. Ms. Perez moved and Ms. Willits seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Willits provided an update on the Teacher grants. She stated that three grants had been applied for so far, but that the deadline September 24, 2018. A reminder email was recently sent to all teachers. On October 9, 2018 we will meet with Dr. Ginder for his input on grant recipients.

Ms. Auger discussed needing a replacement for her role as teacher workroom coordinator for next year. This year there were several new parent volunteers trained this semester and next semester has already been mostly scheduled out.

New Business: The Club then discussed reviewing the Bylaws for any necessary revisions. Christine Marcaccilli offered to review and make recommendations for any changes. The Club also discussed needing an NHS chair for next November ceremony.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 pm. Next meeting will be October 11, 2018 in the evening.