

# Minutes

## Homestead Parent Club Meeting

### January 16, 2014

**Present:** *Kathy O'Shaughnessy, President; Alicia DiGiulio, Vice President; Judy Felhaber, Treasurer; Kim Brown, Secretary; Cindy Volk, Saghi Togashi, Linette Godfry, Johanna Ducker, Silvia Grote, Carla Overdahl, Bunny Steyer.*

The meeting began at 11:00 am.  
Welcome by Kathy O'Shaughnessy

### **Principal: Park Ginder, The Senior Experience**

- Going to hopefully pilot part of it next year. Waiting on final decision from DOE legal counsel. Pilot dual-credit classes. Only about 5 during the first year. This way they can manage unintended consequences, etc. We have over 50 dual-credit classes now. Next year it could be 70.
- Want to create a more relevant senior experience. Speech, English 131, etc. The kind of classes seniors would need to transfer to colleges. This is for students who are going to stay in the state. Students who aren't at the top of the class. It is for those kids at the bottom who think they can't go to college, that they wouldn't do well.
- Belmont and Ben Davis are doing similar things. Belmont's model is different than ours.
- Susan Summers and Steve Lake are going to the CEL conference.
- Going to offer Tuesday, Thursday classes and Monday, Wednesday classes. Free up our Fridays to have office hours for the teachers.
- The current dual credit classes can be taken by sophomores through seniors.
- This isn't for a student who wants to pursue the AP route.
- We don't have an area or place to supervise them. We do want to create a student union feel.
- Nothing has been decided regarding seniors, space, classes, etc.
- Course Description Guide – pg 21 English, instead of English 11 or 12 can take more specific classes such as Literature in Film, etc., Integrated Chem/Physics, and new math class, non-AP Probability and Statistics.
- Questions:
  - Is there a way to create an office hour opportunity for AP students? No. Not initially.
  - Disciplinary issues? We are targeting 1<sup>st</sup> generation college students with a 3.0 or higher. Students who don't see themselves with post-secondary potential. Their parents are aware of it. They may not be aware that there is financial support.
  - Do guests from IPFW, Ivy Tech, etc. talk to juniors about the Chancellor Scholarship opportunity, etc. and other opportunities? People do come in and give presentations but Mr. Ginder would have to check with Student Services to see if something like this is happening.
  - How does Advisory differ from the Guidance Counselors? Advisory is supposed to be a time to connect to a single staff member at Homestead. It is used for a lot of guidance, scheduling, and activity related information – such as Anti-Bullying, school safety, etc. Replaced Navigation 101 with Indiana Career Explorer.
  - Who sets the curriculum for Advisory? The Advisor Design Group with Jen Bay and a group of teachers. Teachers are randomly observed during Advisory.

### **Business Meeting, Kathy O'Shaughnessy, president**

- The minutes were approved. Are they posted? Cindy Volk motioned to approve minutes.
- Treasurer report, Judy Felhaber. No activity last month. Grants are starting to come in.
- Alicia gave us a copy of the grants that we had approved. We need to create a document of grant history by department for each year.
- Silvia – next Staff Appreciation is in two weeks, January 29th. Instead of Subway, doing a hotdog bar. Everything is being donated. Need 160 items donated. 8 different types of hot dogs – Theme is football – Seattle Sea Dog Hot Dogs and toppings. Denver Broncos hotdog toppings. Need 20 dozen cupcakes. Most items can be purchased.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Brown.