

Homestead High School Parent Club

February 11, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Zoom Meeting 11am

- Welcome and Introductions – called to order at 11:02 am.
- Dr. Ginder –

Discussed how Covid has impacted attitude of students

Students at home since March 2020 are the most disconnected and most worrisome. Support and communication are important in order to help them before their grades are too low to recover. Parent remarked that staying home and doing real-time can become a “crutch” for some and they are less than enthusiastic about returning to the building. Ginder notes there can be a loss of rigor and an attitude of complacency among students with accepting grades that are not what they typically achieve when attending school in the building.

Reviewed Building Project

Parking will continue to get more challenging. Students are parking where they should not, at times. Progress will allow room for 50 more parking spots (randomly selected).

Temporary locker rooms, walkways, fencing and lighting have been added.

Graduation

Will not be held at the Coliseum as there is not enough space to social distance and allow for more than 2 tickets per graduate in the expo center) Graduations will likely be held at HHS.

Prom

Prom will not be held off campus as in the past. Dr. Ginder suggested a “dance” be planned on the HHS Football Field. Students seemed open to this idea.

Lunch

Parent asked if assigned seating still remained at lunch given the new Covid guidelines, i.e. in the classroom, students can be at least 3 feet apart, with

masks. Lunch has to maintain current rules as students do not have masks on while eating and for contact tracing.

Parent asked about advocating at higher levels for teachers being vaccinated.

Dr. Ginder encourages everyone to do what is comfortable for them, advocate if desired.

Parent asked if Honor Roll Students should get priority parking. Dr. Ginder explained the lot is for Anthis, Senior Experience, Interns, Cadet Teachers, Cafeteria Workers and 50 random students.

Parent asked about allowing labs and lab partners. Dr. Ginder said teachers have been very creative in planning to allow labs while maintaining social distancing.

The new 3 ft. guideline just reduces the radius of the contract tracing circle.

Dr. Ginder wants the students back in the building. Homestead could do better if the students were in the building.

Stephanie V. remarked that the governor did not feel it was right to prioritize any on group of frontline workers above others (police, teachers, fire, etc).

Vaccinations are still based on morbidity rate and age.

Dr. Ginder noted that the teachers are split on the issue of vaccinations.

He also notes that the teachers have gained confidence they did not have last March and August and the elevated angst and anxiety has decreased significantly. Teachers have not been using personal days or sick days unless they are quarantined or home with a child/family member that has been quarantined.

Guest Speaker- HHS Guidance Counselor, Lindsay Lackland: was unable to attend.

- Treasurer Report – Well within budget for 2020-2021
- PCC Report from 2-10-21 – Vicki H.

New Covid guidelines:

Social distance 3 feet within the classroom, with masks, but still 6 feet in extracurriculars. Quarantine requirement is 10 days in school, 14 for extracurriculars.

SACS will not be participating in the rapid Covid testing.

Goal in August is to return to school as normal – Pre-Covid.

eSACS will continue to exist.

Real-Time at home will not continue.

Summer Clubs and Activities will proceed.

Parent asked about adjusting deadlines in eSACS for students with 504/IEP's. A suggestion was made to contact Dr. Downs.

- Committee Reports

- a) SAT/ACT practice tests updates – 138 students registered.

- b) Staff Appreciation updates – Luncheon 2/12/21. PTC partnered with *Chick-Fil-A* and *My Side of the Kitchen* to provide box lunches for staff. PTC received over \$600 in donations from parents. This will allow another appreciation lunch in the spring.

- c) Awards updates – May 12. 5:30-7:00 9th-11th grade students, 7:00-9:30 for seniors. Tables, food and refreshments have been ordered.

- New Business

- Proposal to offer an opportunity for HHS teachers to attend a talk in person or virtual with Amber Harper, a speaker focusing on teacher burnout. Cindy M. will put together a proposal with pricing and options for Dr. Ginder to review.

- Adjourn

Next Meeting March 11, 2021 7:00 pm.