

# Homestead High School Parent Club

## October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

### Zoom Meeting 7pm

- Welcome and Introductions
- Dr. Ginder
  - Traffic patterns will change again starting Monday (10/26). Video to be sent to all reviewing changes. Focus is east side parking lot and vehicle access Door 1.
  - School is going well, staff have not seen much change in daily experiences.
  - Team continues to support real time students struggling academically.
  - Dr. Ginder reports hearing positive feedback from teachers and students regarding break. District technology was moved during Fall Break which required a total disconnect from Canvas and PowerSchool. Dr. Ginder believes this was a healthy technology break for all.
- Guest Speakers- SACS School Board Candidates (10 minutes each) <sup>\*in alphabetical order</sup>
  - Jennifer Bennett
  - Tracy Bilodeau
  - Scott Myers
- Treasurer Report – Cindy Maucione
  - Waiting for a quote for personalized facemasks for each staff member.
  - C. Otten- motion to approve 2020-2021 PTC Budget, H. Regan second, motion passed, Budget approved.
- PCC Report from 9-23-20 – Vicki Heckman
  - Revised Calendar – Flex Days added, end of semester adjusted
  - Parents will need to select their child’s second semester learning option
  - Two calendar options reviewed – full week for Fall Break vs. a partial week in October. Last item our current board will vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2022-2023 Proposed Calendars – Please provide input regarding your preference via the survey prior to Board Meeting, November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- New Business- Staff Appreciation “Adopt a Staff Member” – Vicki Heckman

- Based on feedback from HHS Leadership Team to response to our desire to support teachers and staff, this program was suggested. Every single staff member, building wide, will participate. This will roll out October 19 via Sign Up Genius. This is not meant to be a financial burden. Notes, gifts, treats, etc. are all welcome.
- Committee Reports
  - NHS updates – Victoria Deluca
    - Committee is working with Dr. Price and Dr. Ginder for a plan to divide the ceremony into four presentations over two days, November 10 & 11, two presentations, one at 6:00 and another at 7:15, each evening. They will honor about 57 students at ceremony. Individualized invitations are ordered and each student will be able to invite two guests. In the past, a reception usually follows, but this cannot happen due to Covid. Ceremony will be shortened in length; no candle lighting ceremony and seniors will not be able to attend. Expenses will be decreased since we are unable to have the reception, and limitations for guests/attendance will reduce the cost of programs.
  - SAT/ACT practice tests updates and chair needed – Vicky Heckman
    - First practice test day was a success. Next test is March 6, 2021. Heather Regan has graciously agreed to chair this committee.
  - Staff Appreciation updates – Vicki Heckman on behalf of Anita DiGregory
    - Things are different and restrictions from Covid have limited their ability to provide lunches, but committee is working around that. They typically provide four luncheons for staff appreciation over the year.
    - Future lunches will need to be catered in from restaurants instead of parents preparing food and bringing it in, so PTC will be requesting financial donations in lieu of food contributions to abide by the regulations in place because of Covid.
    - Friday, October 16, PTC helped Homestead provide a coffee truck for staff while they are working during PT conferences.
  - Teacher Grants updates – Anna Ross
    - Past – the PTC 5500-6000 dollars. 11-12 teachers have applied.

- Focus this year is to require more specific requests and proposals for classroom tools.
  - Deadline for this year is tonight at midnight. Five requests have been submitted as of this meeting: visual arts, math, science, language arts and publications are departments that have submitted applications so far.
  - Committee will meet with Dr. Ginder to discuss applications and then bring proposals to PTC Board for approval.
- Next meeting is November 12, 11:00 am. Via zoom.
  
  - Adjourn – 8:04 pm.