

Minutes

Homestead Parent Club Meeting

October 8, 2015

Present:

11:03 meeting called to order.

Welcome by Kathy O'Shaughnessy.

Park Ginder, Principal

- Speak Up Survey.
 - Watch for emails and tweets. Speak Up Survey opens Nov. 1.
 - The survey is about Technology, blended learning, access to technology
 - Takes 25 minutes
 - Want to make sure that our vision reflects the vision of the community. Are we preparing our teachers to do what we need them to do? Gaps in communication.
 - A blended environment is using technology in the classroom.
- Community tours for folks with direct connection with sacs.
 - Create interest in helping with internships, etc
 - Give Mr. Ginder list of names of companies to invite to tours.
- Dual credit. New State of Indiana requirements. These won't affect students next year. Commission on Higher Ed is weighing in on this subject because universities are now losing money because high schools are offering college classes. It is occurring in 19 different states. They have tightened the requirements. We have followed all the requirements that were in place.
 - Now they are requiring that teachers must have a Master's degree to teach a dual credit class.
 - These changes take effect in 2017.
 - 662 student in dual credit this year.
 - We have a handful of teachers with Master's in their area of teaching. Or, they need to be in a college program taking 18 credit hours past their undergrad requirements. If chem, physics, or math. It costs \$20,000 to take their classes. Hard for teachers as many classes are offered during the school day.
 - State Board of Education is also looking into this as well as the diploma issue.
 - Business leaders want a new diploma. We are now fighting new diploma requirements. They want to limit our students ability to get a honors diploma if they deviate off the track at any time.
 - In Indiana Norte Dame and Wabash and Purdue won't accept our students dual credit classes.

Guest Speaker, Joe Updegrave, Wall of Dreams

- A plan and proposal to honor student success well into the future.

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- Currently:
 - AAAAAA school with 1A gym. Lots of State Champion or State competitor photographs in the halls. Ran out of room in 2008.
 - Took down sectional and conference banners in the gym. The intent is to put up state champion and state runner up recognition. New banners going up in next few weeks.
 - Recognition is still online. For sectionals. Trophies are still there. 20-22 blue state runner up signs to go up.
 - Want to continue to recognize those on the wall. No new photos have been added since 2008
- Dream:
 - Bring up to date. Not lose anything we have up. Honor our past.
 - Change records and put in hallway by door #7. Highlight them. Can be updated and changed.
 - In the space left in hallway 4 outside the gym. Remove the trophy case. Put in 40 feet of cabinetry and feature all state champions and state runner-ups and their photos.
 - \$15,000 just for trophy cases.
 - Electronic touch monitors. Interactive display. Include everyone who is already up there.

Business Meeting

Tabled until next meeting.