

Minutes
Homestead Parent Club Meeting
April 16, 2015

Present: *Kathy O'Shaughnessy, President; Heather Wilcox, Vice President; Judy Fehlhaber, Treasurer; Kim Brown, Secretary;*

The meeting began at 11:00 am.

Welcome by Kathy O'Shaughnessy.

Principal, Park Ginder

- Book: Frank Bruni, *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be*
 - Mr. Ginder's dad, a teacher for over 30 years, would say, "you can get a good education any where." Its about how you apply yourself and the networking you do.
 - As your children consider their options for stretch, fit, and fallback universities you as a parent need to be supportive of them no matter where they go.
 - It is up to us to support our kids in the options they do have.
- Book: Malcolm Gladwell, *David and Goliath*
 - The college choice is a choice between very different options, each with their own drawbacks.
- Two articles from the New York Times
 - "Best, Brightest – and Saddest?" By Frank Bruni
 - "How to Survive the College Admissions Madness" by Frank Bruni
- The College and Career Readiness Report – (ask him for the 2013 report)
 - Of the students who stay instate, the majority of our students go to Ivy Tech (17%) and IPFW (about 30% who stay in state).
 - Many of our students also leave the state.

Business Meeting, Heather Wilcox, Vice-President

- Approval of last month's minutes. Saghi Togashi moved to approve the minutes. Judy seconded. The motion carried.
- Presidents' Council Meeting – Heather Wilcox.
 - Waiting of the Grades. Waiting of the AP and Honors classes.
 - Dr. Downs handed out a copy of the survey done in December about how we prepare learners. Surveyed members of the community (598 respondents). Outlined the goals of the project and how they will evaluate it. They are working on a strategic plan for the board.
 - Referendum is coming up next year -- in 2016. 50 staff positions will be in jeopardy if it isn't renewed. There will be a committee formed. Looking at creative ways to fund items, for example, the tennis courts have some corporate funding.
- Treasurer's Report – Judy Fehlhaber
 - Teacher Curriculum Grants – Date for all grant receipts to be turned in may have been March 31st. Alicia will double check the date. We need to contact those teachers who have not turned in their receipts.
 - We need one more bill to come in for the practice exams
- We need to follow through on Senior Scholarship. Form a committee, get it posted.
- Senior Activity Planning Committee meets next Tuesday.
- Staff Appreciation is coming up in a few weeks. Date may change. Take donations.
- SAT/ACT Practice Tests are done. Beth Piel was going to take over but now has a full time job. Meeting with Lana Peters. She has said she would help co-chair with Beth.

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- Senior Awards Night
- Honor Roll Recognition – Krisitina McArdle and Lynn Camino will take over.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Brown.