

**Minutes**  
**Homestead Parents Club Meeting-Room 900 in the Ninth Grade Academy**  
**Thursday, November 10, 2016**

Start time 11:00 am

**Present:** (10 attendees) Heather Wilcox, President; Karen Kirby, Treasurer; Elizza Wesner, Secretary; Tina Keinsley, Vice President, Jennifer Kennedy, Cindy Volk, Megan Milne, Chris Perez, Lynn Camino, and Kathy Little.

**Welcome by Heather Wilcox, President.**

- Heather attended the recent President's Council meeting.
- Dr. Down's announced that six students (three high school students per grade) were selected to a Student Advisory Group.
  - This advisory group only pertains to Homestead High School. These students will meet with administrators on issues that come up in the high school.
  - These students were selected by teachers. The teachers selected emerging leaders.
  - We thought it would be a better idea to have identified students apply for this role by completing an application, perhaps writing an essay and then sitting down for a personal interview. These are life-long skills that would help them in the future when applying for leadership roles, college applications, etc.
- Please complete the surveys that were made available to parents. There are two: Speak Up! America and a High-Ability Curriculum Survey sent to parents of students in the ALPHA and Honors programs K-12.
- The 2018-2019 SACS School Calendar was approved at the recent School Board Meeting. Here is the link [http://www.sacs.k12.in.us/cms/lib07/IN01907860/Centricity/Domain/4/2018-2019\\_Calendar\\_Approved\\_11-1-2016.pdf](http://www.sacs.k12.in.us/cms/lib07/IN01907860/Centricity/Domain/4/2018-2019_Calendar_Approved_11-1-2016.pdf)
- Next Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is on December 20, 2016. The theme is "Soup and Salad". A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out at the appropriate time and a link will be attached to the monthly newsletter.

**Guest, Park Ginder, Principal Homestead High School**

- Homestead has an athletic logo, Sparty, the Spartan Head in profile, and there is a logo on the official school letterhead. What we lack is an academic logo. Mr. Ginder, along with Student Government, is in the process of developing an academic logo. This new logo will be developed only by the students.
- The logo on the letterhead is outdated.
- The Student Government students and Mr. Ginder will work along One Lucky Guitar, Inc. to develop and design a unique academic logo for our high school. Visit [www.oneluckyguitar.com](http://www.oneluckyguitar.com) to learn about this Fort Wayne based, design & marketing boutique firm.
- A Beautification Committee was developed by Student Government students who looked to address the stark white, institutional looking hallways of the high school.
- Funds from the Senior Endowment Fund (these funds come from graduating senior classes...small amounts of funds left from class dues, some donations...but mostly from remaining unspent graduation dollars) were used to create panels in the hallway next to the Media Center. These panels can be updated according to what is relevant to students at the moment. For example, a current panel shows SAT information. An earlier theme was Back-to-School. Two panels cost \$1,000.00 and a single panel costs \$400.00 The frames that hold the panels are permanent and the panels are interchangeable.
- An eye-catching and large Sparty with "Homestead Spartans" heavy-duty sign was placed in the well-traveled hallway from door number one to the cafeteria.
- The two white hallways leading to the Ninth Grade Academy now have professionally painted Homestead artwork. The artwork was developed by students and a professional artist was hired to paint the artwork on the walls.
- The Beautification Project is a three to five year project.
- The display windows across from the cafeteria doors are underused.
- Photographs will be taken of these improvements and placed in the Secretary binder and posted to the Parents Club website [www.hhsparentsclubfw.com](http://www.hhsparentsclubfw.com) sometime after December 1, 2016.

**Business Meeting**

- Karen Kirby, Treasurer: presented the updated Treasurer's Report.
- Elizza Wesner, Secretary: meeting minutes approved from October 12, 2016.
- Tina Keinsley, Vice President and Jennifer Kennedy: Teacher Grants
  - \$17,082.21 requested by 19 teachers
  - Tina and Jennifer met with Mr. Ginder to discuss the requests. He made his suggestions.
  - The group reviewed each request. A few questions came up from the requests which need further evaluation. Final grant awards will be awarded shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm