

**Minutes**  
**Homestead Parent Club Meeting**  
**March 13, 2014**

**Present:** *Kathy O’Shaughnessy, President;; Kim Brown, Secretary; Judy Fehlhaber, Treasurer; Kathy Little, Meagan Milne, Pam Lunsford, Jill Smith, Donna Bartz, Beth Piel, Saghi Togashi, Cindy Volk, Osite Gee Kado, Carla Overdahl, Beth Zweig, Linette Godfrey, Madeline Negron, Liz Auger, Judy Felhaber.*

The meeting began at 11:01 am.

**Welcome by Kathy O’Shaughnessy.** Kathy has received many emails and questions about eLearning and Dual Credit at Homestead. Administration is interested in hearing how it is going with our children.

**Principal Park Ginder & Jerry Anderson, eLearning & Dual Credit**

- Mr. Ginder – encourage anyone who is asking questions to contact their guidance counselors. Many answers are specific to your child regarding dual credit. Susan is our dual credit specialist.
- If a child takes dual credit and gets a low grade what is the impact? That grade does not follow that student. The credit does. The student can choose not to take the credit. It may show up on their high school transcript. They do have the option. If it is not counted in the 47 credits for academic honors then they don’t need to include it on their transcripts. If it was an IPFW credit and you are going to IPFW or Purdue, then you can request a transfer credit and that grade can follow you to college.
- Colleges want to see that your child takes rigorous classes.
- AP vs Dual Credit depends on what college you want to attend. Some colleges don’t look at test scores only GPA. Notre Dame only looks at SAT/ACT not GPA.
- Tell your students to look at 9 different colleges – 3 that stretch you, may not get in, their dream schools. 3 that are in the middle, yes I can get in. 3 that are fall back schools, you can definitely get in, if you don’t get into any of the middle schools.
- Downside to Dual Credit? The cost of the class. However, Dual credit at Ivy Tech is free.
- How do you qualify for a Dual Credit class?
  - Must have 3.0 or higher (IPFW),
  - PSAT score,
  - or AcuPlacer test (Ivy Tech). Current freshmen don’t have a PSAT score yet so they have to take the AcuPlacer. For World languages.
  - CLEP exam (College Level Examination Program) in spring if they want to take Dual Credit in a language class. Any 200 level college classes, you need to take the CLEP to prove you have the competency of a 100 level college class. The exam is open-ended (ie. If taking level 5 french, it will give you credit for 101, 102, 202) Only for students who didn’t take LEVEL 3 as a COLLEGE Course. The only time it is going to happen is this year.
- My Big Campus Group by class (2015, 2016, etc) If you go into that group, there are sample practice tests, etc.
- Dual Credit route for students not going the AP/Honors route? Mr. Ginder’s reply – we are marketing Dual Credit to B level students. Sometimes these classes are both Dual Credit and AP such as Psychology. Ivy Tech requires that we teach psych using the AP syllabus. Student must decide how they want it to appear on their transcript – either as an AP class or a Dual Credit. Student must decide before they take the exam whether or not it will be listed as an AP class.
- CORE Transfer Library Course – see handout. Any class with a “yes” is **guaranteed** to transfer college credits to any public institution in INDIANA. Other schools might take it

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but you need to check with that school. It may satisfy elective credits but not credits in their major.

- Suggestion – add this information to the SACS online video on Dual Credit – maybe call it Frequently Asked Questions.
- Email Mr. Ginder with concerns about the school website.
- Contact information is now on Homestead – About US – Contact Info – search
- Teachers are to debrief with their classes today about eLearning. Several students were frustrated that they had seven teachers who posted things seven different ways. Easiest method for students was those teachers who put things on the calendar. Took too long to find the info on assignments. There needs to be consistency. The teachers have a responsibility too. They have to present it better.
- eLearning – overwhelmingly positive response from students regarding yesterday's eLearning day. Zero phone calls from parents.
- The Make Up Day eLearning is overwhelming to some students.
- Need collaboration within departments to create instructional bundles.
- What is the procedure for Power Failure at the student's home? Normally the school is open unless the weather is very bad. Some teachers also lost power. Teachers were aware that some students didn't have power.
- ELearning Deadlines. Several teachers had a deadline for their assignments posted such as 3:00 pm. Mr. Ginder didn't want them to give deadlines. It was supposed to be open-ended.
- Mr. Ginder wants teachers to start accepting things electronically – instead of printing it out and handing it in.

**Business Meeting, Kathy O'Shaughnessy, president**

- Minutes -- Saghi motioned to accept as corrected, Beth seconded the motion.
- Presidents' Council. eLearning is approved through the end of the school year. It is for this school year only. Hoping that laws can be changed so that eLearning can be applied in future years. Some issues at the elementary levels with multiple kids in a household needing to share a computer in the house. There is a lot of eLearning at the college level.
- Beth Piel is taking over the SAT/ACT exams from Saghi Togashi.
- Treasurer's Report – Judy Felhaber. We may go a little over budget. However, she is very impressed with Staff Appreciation. The set-up is incredible. The amount donated is unbelievable. The teachers really appreciate it. A simple gesture that means so much. It helps the budget also so that we have money for other things.
- Mr. Peeper's conference is not until next November so that will stay on the budget through next year. Most teachers have turned in their grant request info.
- Liz Auger – students were appreciative of the ER doctor that was brought in by Officer Herriott during Advisory. He presented his drug abuse information.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Kim Brown.