

Minutes
Homestead Parent Club Meeting
December 15, 2014

Present: *Kathy O'Shaughnessy, President; Heather Wilcox and Alicia DiGuilio, Vice-Presidents; Kim Brown, Secretary; Judy Fehlhaber, Treasurer.*

The meeting began at 11:00 am.

Welcome by Kathy O'Shaughnessy.

Business Meeting, Teacher Grants, Alicia DiGuilio, Vice-President

- We have \$5395 to allocate.
- We received 13 grant applications
 - 3 - Art Department
 - 1 – English Department
 - 1 – Math Department
 - 6 – Science Department
 - 1 – World Languages
 - 1 - Principal
- Mr Ginder is unable to help with the funding of any of the grants this year. He has a 5-year technology plan for his technology budget.
 - He reviewed the grant requests. He feels some are wants instead of needs.
- YES to Art 1, \$576.00 – Digital Camera. 120-140 students. One 12-year old camera. It is checked out with one student per semester. Requesting a Nikon 12 megapixel. We asked about using cell phones. Not industry standard. Students would also then be able to use phones for unauthorized purposes. They use Adobe Creative Suite.
- NO to Art 2, 1029.24 – Epson Projector. What is the difference between the one she wants and the one she has?
- YES to Art 3, \$500.00 – furnishings for 9th grade academy seminar room. Partial grant.
- YES to English \$349.00 + tax – Widescreen Projector Screen. If we purchase the same screen we got last year, it is have the price of the one requested. What does this teacher use for a projector? Could it be used by the film class?
- No to Math – iPad Air and Apple TV. Other teachers are doing similar things with items and materials already available.
- YES to Science 1, \$1007.68 – Wet Spirometers. Tests your lung capacity. Purchase 2
- YES to Science 2, \$619.37 – Mice for dissection. Hasn't' been done before. In future years, this costs will be included in the students' lab fees.
- YES to Science 3, \$462.50 – 2 wireless Presentation Gateways. Mr. Ginder is excited about this. Only utilized when the student is in the classroom. It is fixed to the ceiling. It is used every day that the students are in class. For two teachers.
- NO to Science 4 – iPad with keyboard and one year of service. The teacher can use her laptop. Doesn't need 24-hour access to students.
- NO to Science 5. Materials for gas law instruction. Too expensive for one lesson.
- YES to Science 6, \$1329.75 – Water Quality Testing Kits. The kids can be reused. The chemicals will need to be replenished every 2-3 years.
- NO to World Languages. 2-day conference for 2 teachers. Recently did this for another teacher in the same department.
- YES to Mr. Ginder, \$500 – Frames for student art to display in the hallways.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Brown.