

### ELHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Committee/Meeting Name</b>	East Lansing High School Parent Council				
<b>Date</b>	9-20-16	<b>Starting Time</b>	6:35 PM	<b>Ending Time</b>	8:15 PM
<b>Location</b>	East Lansing High School Media Center			<b>Recorder</b>	Tom Meyer
<b>Members Present</b>	Judy Schmidt, Heidi Dempsey, Lisa Rutkowski, Byron Lane, Tom Meyer, Kayla Vandyke, Asnari Hede, Wendy Sylvester-Rowan, Christina Gentilozzi, Donna Kapowitz, Ramana Byrd-Pope, Cathy Mahler, Linda Wychers-Caldwell, Lori Simon, Connie Heck, Coby Fletcher, Yasmina Bouraoui, Ellen Ives				

<b>Topics</b>	<b>Discussion, Information</b>	<b>Action to be Taken, Decision, Recommendation, Timeline</b>
Administration Update	Principal Fletcher advised that the administrative and counseling staff had training over the summer in restorative justice and will have additional training throughout the year. The goal is to keep students in school as opposed to a zero tolerance policy. Staff will be pro-active with students who may be having problems in school Staff was also trained in QPR ( question, persuade, refer) as an outgrowth of the suicides last school year. Coby also noted that the majority of staff like the new “meet the teacher” format and that as of this date the parents were split on it.	N/A
Financials/ Budget	Treasurer Kayla Van Dyke presented a proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The budget showed a beginning cash balance of \$14,928.98 , projected fundraising of \$8,500 , proposed expenditures of \$8,160, leaving projected ending cash at \$15, 268.98. A discussion ensued regarding how outstanding approved teacher grants were to be accounted for and whether the budget balance should be maintained at the current level.	The Budget was approved by voice vote with two minor changes to reflect the outstanding approved teacher and student grants.
Education Programs	Byron Lane led a discussion of upcoming Parent Council educational programs. He advised that he was looking at a program relevant to students	N/A

	<p>who come from homes without college educated parents. He suggested that the February admission counselor program include persons from MSU, Kalamazoo College, and Lansing Community College.</p>	
<p>Standing Committee Updates</p>	<p>Lori Simon (Liaison to ELPS School Board), noted that the School Board had two special committees. One committee is teacher led and was looking at pre-kindergarten issues. The second committee was looking at options regarding elementary schools and would be making a recommendation on November 28, 2016. Board member Yasmina Bouraoui provided additional information regarding the purpose and activities of these committees. Chairperson Ellen Ives requested that Council members provide input for Parent Surveys.</p> <p>Tom Meyer (Recording Secretary) advised that the Council needed to approve the minutes from the May business meeting.</p> <p>Donna Kaplowitz (VP- Student Grants) introduced Cathy Mahler who will be working on student grants.</p> <p>Linda Wychers-Caldwell (Vice President- Teacher Grants) indicated that the Council will be receiving a grant request for special calculators from Jeff Burgess.</p> <p>Judy Brazil Schmidt (Fundraiser Coordinator) advised that fund raising letters are ready to be sent and that there would be an email reminder.</p> <p>Connie Heck (Teacher Luncheon Coordinator) said that there would be a teacher luncheon on October 18th and another in the Spring.</p> <p>Christina Gentilozzi (Family Directory Coordinator) said that she is working on the Family Directory and that it should be ready to publish by the end of October. After some discussion it was suggested that the password for the Directory may be included in an E-Blast.</p> <p>Lisa Rutkowski ( VP Communications and District PC Representative) advised that Board members will rotate attendance at Parent Council meetings, that elementary class sizes are an issue, that there are somewhat fewer school of choice students this year, and that the district has 15 new teachers this year. Lisa also reminded members that the Council is on</p>	<p>The minutes from the May 17, 2016 business meeting were approved as submitted.1</p>

	<p>Facebook and Twitter and that the access information them is found at the very bottom of the E-Bulletins.</p> <p>Wendy Sylvester-Rowan ( Welcome International Families) informed the group that there are only eight international students this year and one exchange student. She said that an evening welcoming event will be held.</p> <p>Heidi Dempsey (Landscape Coordinator) said that she will be getting some student groups involved in landscaping activities and that she will be asking for volunteers to aid in the activities. Coby Fletcher noted that he had received a number of positive comments about the improved school grounds.</p>	
Review of follow-up matters	<p>The next business meeting is October 25 in the HUB from 6:30-7:00 followed by a program from 7-8:30 entitled “Exploring Paths to Success after High School-College and Career Options”.</p>	
	<p>The meeting ended at approximately 8:15.</p>	
