

ELHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Committee/Meeting Name	East Lansing High School Parent Council				
Date	1-19-16	Starting Time	6:32	Ending Time	8:02
Location	East Lansing High School Hub			Recorder	Tom Meyer
Members Present	Nancy Schertzing, Lisa Rutkowski, Coby Fletcher, Byron Lane, Shan Sweitzer, Elizabeth Vanis, Donna Kaplowitz, Wendy Rowan, Sheila Nash, Tom Meyer, Linda Caldwell				

Topics	Discussion, Information	Action to be Taken, Decision, Recommendation, Timeline
Open Discussion and Minutes	Prior to the meeting there was an open discussion beginning at 6:00 where there was some discussion of how some practical life experience issues might be addressed within the school curriculum. The meeting began at 6:02 and the first item addressed was the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting.	The minutes of the November 19 meeting were approved with one correction, namely that the second paragraph of the Teacher Grant section was corrected to indicate that a limit of “\$1,000” rather than “\$1.00” had been set for the classroom “clicker” request.
Student Grants	Aliera Konett, a student at ELHS, reported on a project the Council had approved for the Peer Assisted Leader (“PALS”) group. That group of 10-15 students runs the East Lansing Compliments program wherein students can give written compliments to other students. Aliera reported a very favorable and active response to the program.	
Treasurer's Report	Shan Sweitzer reported that there was a balance of \$17,070 as of December , that the actual beginning balance at the beginning of the year was \$9,432.31, and that a total of \$8,300 of donations had been received.	The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Principal's Report	Principal Coby Fletcher reported that the semester would end on the upcoming Friday, that the course selection process would begin shortly with the goal of having a finished schedule by the end of May and that hopefully the drop/add process would be finished by the end of the year. Coby advised that the PSAT October results could be used with the Khan Academy website to create a program students can use to improve their test scores.	
Teacher Grants	Linda Caldwell advised the group regarding recycling efforts at the High School. The Council was further advised that Dennis McCarthy had started on this date in the pre-school library program . Linda also said that teachers were informally polled to help determine why we are not getting many grants requests. As to pending awards, it was clarified that last years award to Ms. Rojas only covered 15 “clickers” . This information clarified that the number of “clickers” requested was the basis for disparate amounts requested.	
Standing Committees	<p>Stephanie Horton was not present but had advised that emails had been sent to each person who contributed to the Council.</p> <p>Erich Ditschman, Parent Council Social Media Coordinator was not present but the Council was advised that he had been doing postings on Facebook.</p> <p>Elizabeth Vanis, District Parent Council Representative, advised that Donley Elementary will become a Title I school as of the 2016-17 school year, which means that funding will be provided for all students at the school.</p> <p>Elizabeth also mentioned that the Superintendent has talk about the proposed STEM/STEAM program for Red Cedar school. She also said that the Superintendent announced that there would be a bond proposal next November and that she was creating a teacher advisory group to provide input.</p> <p>Wendy Rowan , International Families Outreach, was present and reported that there were no developments that needed reporting.</p> <p>Sheila Nash reminded the Council that the university admissions program would take place on 2-23-16.</p>	

	Nancy Schertzing stated that in regards to Looking Ahead/Transitions and Disclosure , that the March business meeting was where the candidates for next year's Council would be presented.	
Committee Sign-up	Nancy Schertzing advised generally that persons were requested to consider which positions they might be interested in with the Council for the upcoming year and to advise parents not present of the various opportunities. She noted that a number of persons , would not be on Parent Council next year as their students were graduating. Nancy asked for any suggestions as to how we could get more parents to take leadership roles with the Council. Nancy aslo advised that as a result of her studies she had developed a toolkit for Restorative Justice and had been offered an opportunity to work at ELHS.	
Surveykl Questions	Nancy Schertzing advised that the survey questions for January/February had been placed on the agenda for informational purposes only.	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.