

ELHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Committee/Meeting Name	East Lansing Parent Council Meeting				
Date	1-20-15	Starting Time	6:35	Ending Time	7:25
Location	East Lansing High School Library			Recorder	Tom Meyer
Members Present	Shan Sweitzer, Nancy Schertzing, Tina Reynolds, Sheila Nash, Kang Li, Wanda Jones, Elizabeth Vanis, Tom Meyer, Nate Lake, Lisa Rutkowski, Coby Fletcher				

Topics	Discussion, Information	Action to be Taken, Decision, Recommendation, Timeline
November meeting minutes		The minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurers Report	The report showed donations as of the end of December of \$9,839 and a balance as of 12-31-14 of \$14,131.96.	The report was accepted as submitted with the proviso that, should the Council approve a provision for grants to student organizations, that such grants would be a separate line item and not included in the teacher grants.
ELPS School Board Report	Nathan Lake, the Council's liaison with the ELPS School Board reported that the Board has, since the beginning of 2015, had an organizational meeting and a board development meeting. Nate encouraged parents to attend board meetings. He advised that a two year teacher contract with a salary re-opener provision had been agreed upon and that all teachers would get a one-time bonus of \$400. When asked how the budget looked for the upcoming year, Nate said the outlook was not rosy and that the rainy day fund had dropped to 6% rather than reaching the 10-12% that districts try to maintain. Tina Reynolds advised that even though the state's general fund revenues are down, that the school aid fund is not below expectations.	
	Co-President Nancy Schertzing advised that the Council needed to form a nominating committee	

President's Report	<p>in March and encouraged parents to volunteer for this opportunity.</p> <p>Nancy also said that volunteers were needed to review the Council's by-laws to determine whether any amendments were needed.</p> <p>Nancy mentioned that the testing schedule for Juniors was changed and, later during Principal Fletchers School Improvement presentation he advised that the testing dates were: ELA-April 14-15, Science- April 16, Math- April 21-22, and Social Studies- April 23.</p>	
Social Media Report	No Social Media Report was given.	
District Parent Council Update	<p>Elizabeth Vanis gave the DPC update. She noted that Superintendent Thompson was to issue a report next month on the results of her listen and learn experience that the student scheduling process will become more user friendly next year, and that honors courses will be offered starting in the 2015-2016 school year. The High School Advisory Board is actively meeting, there are 17 HS students participating on this committee. Elizabeth also reported that a HS chemistry program will be doing research with MSU next year. An application process is being developed.</p>	
Student grants	<p>A motion was made to establish, on a pilot basis, a program whereby students could apply to the Council for grants for activities of any student organization. The motion established a \$500 amount for total student grants and that the program will be effective only during the 2014-2-15 school year.</p>	The motion was approved.
Announcements	<p>The February business meeting of the Council has been moved back to 2-24-15 and will include a presentation on the technology bond. The March 17th meeting will be short and followed by a Woulda/Shoulda/Coulda Presentation.</p>	
Conclusion and Presentation	<p>The business meeting concluded at 7: 25 and was followed by Principal Fletcher's School Improvement presentation.</p>	