

ELHS Parent Council
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 7 pm, Hub

- I. Welcome / Introductions – Lural Baltimore
- II. Review and Approve April Agenda and March Council Board Minutes
Agenda - motion to delete items 5 and 8, approved; March 19 meeting minutes approved.
- III. Projected Timeline of H S Related Tech Expenditures – Christian Palasty
 - March 19-20 with consultant group out of Kalamazoo, walked through every building. Priority projects
 - Replacement of pc's – teachers, fixed labs (most) some being replaced with mobile labs; replace all student mobile labs, will add additional labs in next steps/year (MS surface, ipad kindle fire, etc...), working with small groups to assess community input and volunteering to unwrap and set-up new technology.
 - Replacing networking hardware – faster/better K-12, upgrade wireless (new and more)
 - Releasing bids April 26 for 2 weeks, processing through board with a start date in June.

Phase 2

 - Winter upgrades – phone system
 - Next summer – novel to MS for student access
 - AV in classrooms K-6
 - Old equipment – salvaged, repurposed, provided at discount to public.
 - Information available on-line on the district home page, parents page, other visible links.

Q...How do we handle teacher tech grant requests?
Have them talk to Christian P first – does it fit with the tech grant plan. Advised not to fund the cad lab – will get new equipment. General advice is to have all tech requests to go through Christian.
- IV. Achievement Gap Update – John Brandenburg
 - Exploring how to work differently
 - School improvement data shared
- V. Board of Education Update – Nathaniel Lake
 - District improvement – currently in strategic planning for future and focus of education EL students. Shared key components to guide the 2013-2017 plan
 - Approved 6-8 configuration
 - Working on K-5 configuration
- VI. District Parent Council Update -Elizabeth Vanis.
 - Was not able to attend last DPC meeting, nothing to report
- VII. Council Treasurer's report/Teacher Grant Update - Andy Korest & Nancy Schertzing
 - Updated report, moved and approved as presented.
 - Move to donate \$50 to ELEF in honor of retiring teachers.
 - Grant request summary and review

- A Kelly Turkey Drive grant request is deferred to fall of 2013, she will be encouraged to reapply.
- PE TRX Suspension Trainer Pro Pack grant request is moved to **approve up to \$350** for the cost of two packs, with suggestion to obtain additional support from other school groups (boosters). **Approved as noted.**
- Anita Kelly grant=Motion to approve the purchase of 30 dictionaries not to exceed \$100 – **Approved**
- A Moran grant for ipad and case **moved and approved.**
 - NOTE: Concern was expressed for purchasing the cases, but given the audience and environment the ipad will be used in, the justification was sound.

VIII. New Business

- Positions needing to be filled for next year (see back)
- Nominations made/sent to president/secretary, deadline is May 17th
- Teacher appreciation day is revised to combine with the missed luncheon

Next parent council meeting: May 21 – Selection of 2013-2104 Board & Committee Chairs

2013-2014 Council Positions:

Council President:

VP: Monthly Speakers Tessie Gutierrez

VP: Teacher Grants Nancy Schertzing

VP: Council Communications Lisa Rutkowski, Thursday E-bulletins, 6rutkowski@gmail.com
(need someone to manage web page and Parentline articles – Secretary perhaps?)

Treasurer:

Secretary: Kimbirly Bodfish

Council Committees:

School Directory: Christina Gentilozzi chrissy5280@yahoo.com

Volunteer Coordinator:

Teacher Appreciation Luncheons: Candace Merkel cprettymerk@gmail.com

District Parent Council Rep:

Landscaping Cleanup Coordinator

School Board Rep: Nate Lake

Principal: John Brandenburg Brandenburg_jj@elps.us

Other Parent Organizations:

ELBOPA: La Vendee Fulton, President lavendee@comcast.net

Athletic Boosters:

Black Parent Union:

Jr/Sr Activities Committee: