

**ELHS Parent Council**  
**January 17, 2012**  
**7 pm ELHS Hub**

- I. Welcome / Introductions  
Lural Baltimore
- II. Review and Approve Agenda, Disseminate Minutes  
Jeanne moved, Tessie second – agenda approved.  
Minutes previously approved via email, shared with all present.
- III. February Millage Bond Proposal – Dr Chapin  
Dr. Chapin presented ballot language for the February bond proposal, including cost breakdown. High school amount to be dedicated to technology updates.  
Q&A followed.
- IV. Parent-Teacher Conference Survey Feedback – Elizabeth Vanis  
Elizabeth distributed a summary of the ad hoc committee discussion regarding survey feedback and new ideas. Improvements include the need to communicate times and sign up procedures for conferences more clearly and directly, and the need to remind parents what the goal of conference discussions should be. Council members were invited to join the committee in an effort to compose an informational flier to parents regarding how to prepare for and make the most of the 5 minute conference conversation.  
Discussion focused on the process of sign up and the suggestion by John Brandenburg that students sign up the parent names in the teacher classroom. This would allow the teacher to be more involved in encouraging students/parents to participate, and would also allow for the eventual retirement of the current conference scheduling volunteer committee.  
*Action Item: Mr. Brandenburg to contact St. Johns to learn about the success of their student driven system.*
- V. ELHS Principal Report - John Brandenburg  
John distributed an updated 'SWIS' incident referral report, showing that disciplinary office referrals have dropped to an average of 2 per day. Discussion followed including a question about the absence of classroom test cheating as a referral category.  
  
Other H S updates were provided including the start of a new class at the school called 'LINKS' where student are paired with our Basic classroom autistic students to assist them when mainstreamed in classes. The helper students get a course credit for their mentoring.
- VI. Board of Education Report – Donna Rich-Kaplowitz  
Shared community conversations regarding the bond vote, and the implementation of a new pre-K readiness Kindergarten readiness program.
- VII. District Parent Council - Elizabeth Vanis  
Reviewed the Superintendent's goals for the year, and the need for all buildings to have an effective medical emergency plan. The upcoming topic for February will discuss how effectively our K-6 advanced learners are being challenged in the classrooms.

VIII. Council Treasurer’s Report - Andy Korest. Formal report withheld until next meeting.

**Grant Requests** – All grant requests pending confirmation of funds available.

1. M LaDouceur, French teacher. \$200.00 for classroom project supplies to reinforce French culture lessons.
2. D Larzelere, director of bands. \$500.00 for I-pad2. For all HS band students, to music education and composition.
3. Science Department. \$874.30 for a human skeleton to be shared across classes.
4. K Knickerbocker, Chemistry/Biology Teacher. \$1,000 for a classroom set of graphing calculators.

IX. New Business - need meeting date for February – no school on Feb 21

*Action item: Lural to confirm meeting options. 2/15 or 2/22 depending on availability of Dr. Carter.*

UPDATE: Meeting scheduled 2/28/12.

Next parent council meeting: Focus Topic: Summary and Outcomes from the June 2010 ELHS Student Survey – Dr Dorinda Carter; John Brandenburg

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