

ELHS Parent Council
March 20, 2012
7 pm ELHS

Present: Kim Maier, Julia Papenoe, David Pridnia, Tom Berding, Alisa Henriquez, Dan Dettweiler, Lisa Huberty, Joshua Sprague, Therese Brimmer, Konrad Hittner, Barb Hagan, Joel Stanewich, Andy Korest, Lural Baltimore, Jeanne Maguire, Tessie Cardenas, Donna Rich-Kaplowitz, John Brandenburg

- I. Welcome / Introductions
Lural Baltimore.
- II. Review and Approve Agenda, Disseminate Minutes
Jeanne moved, Andy second – agenda approved.
Minutes previously approved via email, shared with all present.
- III. *Cracking the College Admissions Code* Presentation – Shashi Karve, Ivy Ambitions Consulting Group
Shashi discussed how a student's application is assessed in the context of the family, the context of the school, and the context of the community. Q&A followed.
Mr. Brandenburg also provided additional information about advanced testing and admissions based on his experience over the years.
- IV. ELHS Principal Report - John Brandenburg
 - Update on school activities.
 - Student scheduling is going well.
 - MME went smooth and students got done early.
 - Brief discussion about how grading occurs at the high school level. How can teachers be consistent with a system that is subjective due to variability in delivery of content and difficulty of examinations. End goal is to achieve consistency across subjects.
 - Introduced the idea of a 'Senior Day' parade through the school and to Patriarche Park.
- V. Council Treasurer's Report - Andy Korest.
Motion to provide a donation to the East Lansing Education Fund in honor of retiring teachers, APPROVED.

No teacher grant requests.
- VI. Board of Education Report – Donna Rich-Kaplowitz
 - Passed two new classes for ELHS – On-Line Strings and AP Environmental Course.
 - Budget work – working to balance the AT RISK Fund.
 - Two staff were trained in the use AED machine.
 - Request presented for CPR training for at least one person per building.
 - ELHS is now the only school with an approved Emergency Plan in place.
 - Expect another bond to be presented late fall/early spring.
 - Academic Committee exploring multiple options for class delivery.
- VII. New Business
'Do Your Part Community Program' – the ELHS PC needs more information before taking any action.

Next parent council meeting April 17
Meeting adjourned 9:02pm.