

ELHS Parent Council
May 15, 2012 7 pm Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Lural Baltimore
- II. Presentation: “Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda: Advice on the College Search and Application Process”
Handouts – AVAILABLE ON-LINE 5/16/12

Panel Discussion and Q & A

Panelist: Students-Iris Fu, Alexis Watt, Carol Gao. Parents-Barb Hagan, Lisa Munroe and Malia Pruitt.

1. ACTs and SATS (prep advice, resources, strategies)
2. college search resources (websites, books)
3. application strategies and alternatives (early enrollment, rolling admission, etc.; safe vs. reach schools)
4. application essay writing tips
5. application processing tips
6. college visits (getting the feel of a campus)

5 minute break

Business Meeting

Present: Kimbirly Bodfish, Tessie Cardenas, Lural Baltimore, Nancy Schertzing, Babette Krause, Elizabeth Vanis, Jeanne Maguire, Andy Korest

- III. Secretary’s Report
 - Review and approval of March/amended April minutes moved and approved.
- IV. Principal’s Report (10 min)
 - None tonight
- V. BOE Report (10 min)
 - Accepted bid on Timberlane property for 2.2 mil – to University Reform Church
 - Relocation of East Lansing School District offices yet to be determined. Move to occur 7/2013.
 - Privatized bussing will occur through Dean Transportation.
 - Schools of choice level will remain the same – 21%.
 - Periodically, board meetings will utilize a work session format.
 - Two new courses approved: Encore Strings, and AP Environmental Science, with a 3rd course proposed: conversational Spanish.
- VI. Council Treasurer’s Report (5 min)
 - Update of expenses. Treasurer report moved and approved.
 - Teacher grants – Art department, \$156 for trip to Potter Park Zoo approved via email.
 - Action Item: Jeanne to explore the collecting donations through PayPal

VII. District Parent Council Report (5 min)

- Policy reviews – board positions and principal decisions discussed. New council policies proposed - keeping board positions open for all; power of principals to veto council decisions.
- Exit survey is being developed to assess why families leave the district. Small committee has been convened and meetings are scheduled.
- All teachers/staff are now AED trained and all teachers/staff have an opportunity to be CPR trained.
- Discussion for resources available to accelerated learners.
- Anti-bullying practices and policy information can be presented by parent councils.

VIII. Selection of Next Year’s Board Officers

- Moved and approved as read by Lural and noted by Kimbirly

Board

Co-President:	Lural Baltimore
<i>Co-President:</i>	VACANT
VP - Speakers:	Tessie Cardenas*
VP-Grants:	Nancy Schertzing
VP-Communications:	Jeanne Maguire*
Treasurer:	Andy Korest
Secretary:	Kimbirly Bodfish

**ELHS PC will seek out new members to shadow during 2012-2013.*

IX. Old Business – District-wide Emergency Protocol

- BPU presented materials and information about medical emergency procedures to BOE.
 - Presented an assessment of EL schools practices/procedures/policies.
- There is a lack of an umbrella policy statement that affects all schools. BOE is taking initiative to address this issue.

X. New Business

- Table cloth donation – Kimbirly to talk with parent about co-chairing teacher appreciation luncheon.
- Flash drives – Purchase of ELHS PC thumb drives to collect historic data tabled until August.

XI. Adjourned – 9:40pm