

ELHS Parent Council
November 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes
ELHS HUB Meeting Area

I. Welcome and review of agenda – Lural Baltimore

II. Principal Report – John Brandenburg

Asked for feedback regarding testing day (new: ACT practice test for juniors; Seniors stayed home in am); gathered feedback regarding communication of parent-teacher conference forms (preference for single purpose email with form attached). Reviewed new emergency procedures; ELHS staff to get CPR training in January.

III. College Presentation

Jeanne presented Student Services packet highlighting school profile and college data sheet. College Admissions presentations by Mike Kolar, MSU Admissions Office, Laura Miller, University of Michigan Admissions Office, and Lloyd McPartlin, Albion Admissions Office. Followed by questions and answers with the audience.

IV. Minutes reviewed and approved

Present for business portion of meeting: Elizabeth Vanis, Lural Baltimore, Andy Korest, Phil Booth, Therese Randall Brimmer, Donna Kaplowitz, Tessie Cardenas, Jeanne Maguire, Nancy Schertzing

V. Technology Dept - Christian Palasty

Christian reviewed the various alternatives for the H S portion of the \$4.5 million tech piece of the upcoming bond vote. Options preferred by teachers include updating and maintenance of classroom audio systems, updated teacher PCs, classroom clicker response systems, and interactive whiteboards. Other options include updated video security system to digital, replace and add to inventory of student laptops, replace monitors with flat panel screens, additional document cameras, distance learning devices installed in HUB and library upgrades, including additional search kiosks. The \$4.5 MM tech spending breakdown will be presented at the Monday, November 28 BOE meeting. Questions and answers with the council group. Concern expressed about structure of bond's tech funding. Group suggestion that a parent and H S student be included in the ELPS Tech Committee.

VI. School Board Report – Donna Kaplowitz

Reviewed Great Start pre-K program which is starting in January; Promise grant - incentive program which provides iPads to K-6 teachers and secondary math teachers; new ELPS Strategic Plan underway; new H S class called LINKS where student assists autistic student for 1 period a day; additional secretary added back to ELPS staffing; approved wording of bond proposal

VII. DPC Report – Elizabeth Vanis

Emergency Plan covered in Principal Report; Jeanne reminded group about the DPC parent-teacher conference survey.

VIII. Treasurer Report – Andy Korest

Reviewed and approved budget with new line item added for Trojan TURF; Nancy will contact Nancy Artman about accessing the funds. Suggestion made that a reminder to teachers about the availability of grants be sent in December or early January.

No new business.

Adjourned 9:34 pm

Minutes taken by Nancy Schertzing; typed by Jeanne Maguire