

ELHS Parent Council
November 13, 2012
7 pm at the HUB

- I. Welcome / Introductions
- II. Featured Topic: Conversation with Steve Whelan
Activities:
 - a. Teaching classes, being present outside lunch and later. Walking the woods behind the school to the library – actually school property, library was gifted to the city in 1962.
 - b. SADD (destructive decisions) strive for safe driving award \$2,000 from FORD. Working with which teacher on a simulator and ribbon drive.
 - c. Assists with traffic in the morning, spends about 15minutes each morning.
 - d. HS officer separate from K-8 officer. Officer Whelan major role/job is the HS.
 - e. Housed in the security office, 3 security guards this year (2 men, 1 woman). No students allowed into the office.
 - f. Egg wars – challenging activity with many portions of it potentially illegal. Highly discouraged by the school, community, and police.
 - g. Suggestion to have a drop box for anonymous notices available to students who do not want to be seen with the officer.
 - h. Checks in with school social worker.
- III. Teen After-School Center at All Saints Church
 - a. Andrew Shirota started/runs, 3pm-6pm
 - b. **Safe, hate-free, youth driven zone** – how to create
 - c. Non-denominational
 - d. Homework assistance, role modeling
 - MSU College of Arts and Humanities student volunteers
 - Discussion hour
 - e. Kids stay longer than the food (used to be just until 4pm)
 - f. Birthday Tuesdays – once per month
 - g. Started registering students – importance for safety/contacts/self-reporting

Goals

 - 1. Community advisory council – bring them together to provide resources to the teen center (i.e. Starbucks provides pastries every week)
 - 2. Student council – 8 students currently involved
 - 3. Policy makers/making – MSU professors involved
- IV. Library – offers some programming during the week, the Library is not conducive to the type of socializing students prefer. Computers are fully over-taken by students from 3-6pm.

Business Meeting

Present: Jeanne Maguire, Andy Korest, Lural Baltimore, Tessie Gutierrez, Gene Gutierezz, Tammye Coles, Kimbirly Bodfish, Nancy Schertzing

- V. Review and Approve November Agenda and October Council Board Minutes
 - a. Jeanne moved, agenda and minutes approved.
- VI. ELHS Principal Report - John Brandenburg
 - a. Presentation of data around common core state standards
 - b. School year is going great. Discipline referrals are down by about 50%
 - c. PD today – reading focus, how to teach students to read-instead of doing it for them
 - d. Starting collegial classroom observations, reinforcing strategies, 15 minute observation, and 5 minute debrief. All conducted by teams of 3. Observed Mason with this process. It is not evaluation, but school improvement instead.
- VII. Board of Education Update – Pat Riley
 - a. Technology bond – February 26, 2013, mileage increase. This is separate from the school mileage. Technology is expensive and EL is way behind. There is a lot of catch-up, i.e. phone system was down for one full week, it is 20yrs old.
 - Spend 1mil/year to get that into the structure of the budget and system of updating.
 - Spend on – instructional related equipment. Significant portion for wireless updates.
 - b. Re-affirmation of school configuration including administrative offices that has previously proposed.
- VIII. District Parent Council Update - Elizabeth Vanis
 - a. Tech fund handout available on the website
 - b. All Saints after school program presentation
 - c. Union negotiations in process
 - d. Special forum for non-student families about technology fund
- IX. Black Parent Union Meeting, **Emergency Medical Procedures** in EL school buildings.

Dr. Chapin attended the meeting to discuss the status of these procedures. Recommendations from BPU are under consideration for inclusion. There are four continuing issues briefly described below. For more information, please contact the Black Parent Union.

1. Acceptance of students (who are trained and certified) as potential first responders – tabled to discussion with school administrators.
2. Training of all teachers in basic first aid and CPR – not currently possible, 40-45 personnel are trained.
3. Expectation that teachers in upper grade levels and in special areas are made aware of any special medical conditions of their students.
4. Implement an emergency response drill each year at each school building – decision lies with each school administrators.

- X. Council Treasurer's report/Teacher Grant Update - Andy Korest & Nancy Schertzing
- a. YTD profit and loss; Grant request summary and review
 - b. Filed tax status 'card' for 501c3
 - c. Motion to approve, second, and approved
- ELEF matching grants**
- d. Motion to approve, second, and approved the following:
 - \$978 for 2 document cameras for English department, part of an ELEF matching grant.
 - \$650 towards 1 iPad for Student Services, part of an ELEF matching grant.
 - \$375 for Arts field trip to Meijers Gardens, Robin Remer-Saenz, part of ELEF Endowment grant.
 - \$120 for cultural novels – English II silent reading times.
- XI. New Business - none

Thank you to Pat Riley for stepping in to temporarily serve on the Board of Ed and be our high school BOE liaison. A new liaison will be representing the BOE at our January 15 meeting.

Next parent council meeting: **No meeting in December; next meeting January 15**

Focus Topic: In depth review and discussion about the Spring 2012 high school parent/student/ teacher survey feedback, led by John Brandenburg.

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