

ELHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Committee/Meeting Name	ELHS Parent Council				
Date	12-12-17	Starting Time	6:30 pm	Ending Time	7:50
Location	ELHS HUB			Recorder	Tom Meyer
Members Present	Ellen Ives, Yvette Collins, Nell Kuhnmuensch, Mike Gonzales, Heidi Dempsey, Kayla Van Dyke, Linda Wychers-Caldwell, Tom Meyer, Andy Wells, Lisa Rutkowski, Byron Lane, Judy Schmidt, Wendy Rowan, Tracey Yarborough				

Topics	Discussion, Information	Action to be Taken, Decision, Recommendation, Timeline
Agenda approval		The agenda was accepted as submitted
Open Comment Time	There was some general discussion regarding transportation for special education students, regarding training for trade or non-degree jobs, and how homework can pile up on students during any given week.	
Minutes	The minutes of the 11-14-17 meeting were presented. It was clarified that unused student grant funds would be returned to the Parent Council.	With the clarification noted, the minutes were approved.

Administration Update	<p>Principal Andy Wells advised that the ELHS is an AP Honor Roll school, making it one of only 400 or so schools in the US and Canada so honored. Andy mentioned that the Collage event was a huge success with nearly half the student body involved in the presentation to a standing room only turnout.</p> <p>Andy noted that the Board's mental health committee presented at the Board's last meeting and that a need was perceived for interaction at the high school and possibly the middle school.</p> <p>Andy also said that alternatives were being explored for a senior brunch as the present format was very expensive.</p>	
Report from School Board	<p>Board member Nell Kuhnmuench advised that the Board had moved forward on filling a vacancy without the need to involve the Intermediate School District Board.</p> <p>Nell reported that she had resigned as Chair of the Board, but not from her position as a Board member.</p> <p>Nell also mentioned that Red Cedar school was being readied so that the Glencairn and Donley schools can be completed by the fall of 2019.</p> <p>Nell also said that a recent poll had shown a lot of support for a later starting time for the high school school day-*</p>	
Financial Update	<p>Treasurer Kayla Van Dyke presented a financial statement and said that the student grant funds which had not been used by the French Club had been returned to the Parent Council.</p>	
Discussion and/or vote items.	<p>Linda Wychers-Caldwell advised of a teacher grant request from Ms. Berridge who requested \$86.40 to fund a transportation need for her AP History class.</p> <p>Mike Gonzales presented a student grant proposal for "coding and cookies". and advised that other grant proposals did not meet the Council's criteria.</p> <p>Ellen Ives requested that everyone advise her as to whether or not they would like to continue in their present position for the 2018-2019 school year.</p>	<p>Ms. Berridge's request was approved.</p> <p>The coding and cookies proposal was approved for \$215 subject to a clarification of the date of the activity. The Council also approved a motion which provided for disseminating more</p>

		<p>detailed information about the grant process to student groups.</p> <p>A sign up sheet was distributed and Lisa Rutkowski, Byron Lane, Linda Wychers-Caldwell, Mike Gonzales, Wendy Sylvester Rowan and Jake Rowan, Judy Brazil Schmidt, Yvette Collins, and Heidi Dempsey indicated they would continue in their positions.</p>
Adjourn Business Meeting	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.</p> <p>The Council's next meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2018 and will include a State of the School presentation by Principal Wells.</p>	