



East Lansing High School

Parent Council Meeting

10/9/2018 | 6:30 | *Meeting called to order by:* Lisa Rutkowski

In Attendance

Lisa Rutkowski, Lynette Long, Anita Andria Ditschman, Barb Beckner, Linda Wychers-Caldwell, Byron Lane, Yvette Collins, Terah Chambers, Karessa & Brian Wheeler, Tracy Hampton-Yarborough, Carleen Ling Hsu, Matthew Morales

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Administration Update – Matthew Morales

Matthew Morales:

- School year is off to a good start.
- Homecoming events went well
- ELHS administration is working with students and student's groups to identify safe "places" within the school where students can come if they are dealing with personal issues that may be impacting their mental health.
- The most recent professional development day for teachers focused on dealing with students who may be experiencing or demonstrating mental health matters. Teachers are being provided more tools and resources to handle such matters but it's a work in progress.
- There is a desire and ongoing effort to strengthen the communication between the parents and the administration to handle these matters, such as having one contact person for parents to call if their student is having an issue.

Proposed Budget Discussion for 2018/19

- Projected ending cash is \$9,254.93. This will dry up and therefore the council will need to either have a fundraiser or cut from other line items.
- Email blast to parents will go out three times this year requesting donations in lieu of fundraising. Blast will go out around the holiday period. The email will be a standalone and not part of other school related communications.
- There was discussion around reducing the teacher grants line item from \$5,000 to \$4,000 and, student grants from \$1,500 to \$1,000. Will be tabled and discussed at the next meeting.

Open Items:

- There are several open Board positions.
- There is an opening for the **Top Scholar leader**. Lisa R. and Andy Wells will meet to discuss more how this will be handled. Feedback is that Top Scholar is a lot of work and can be overwhelming.
- **9th grade seminar**. This is a new class offered this year for incoming 9th grade students who need a little more help. These students are identified by middle school counselors. This year there are about 22 students. Mr. Hamilton has asked for money to provide snacks for these students as an incentive.
 - Lisa will contact Nick and Katie for more information, so the Council can decide goals and determine level of support.
- Switch to using Bank of America for easier use.- Barb B.

Other Updates/Items

- Will vote on budget in November

New Business

- November- Will vote on the budget

Announcements

None

Next Meeting

Date | time, Location – **November 13, ELHS - HUB – College Admissions**

Motion made to adjourn by Lisa R. Second by Barb Beckner. Meeting adjourned at 7:05.