

ELHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Committee/Meeting Name	East Lansing High School Parent Council				
Date	May 19,2015	Starting Time	6:30	Ending Time	8:30
Location	East Lansing H.S. Library			Recorder	Tom Meyer
Members Present	Teshia Johnson, Jennifer Nelson, Lisa Rutkowski, Stephanie Horton, Konrad Hittner, Tom Meyer, Jake Rowan, Wanda Jones, Shan Sweitzer, Nancy Schertzing				

Topics	Discussion, Information	Action to be Taken, Decision, Recommendation, Timeline
Introductions	Stephanie Horton, Jennifer Nelson, Teshia Johnson, and Jake Rowan were introduced to the Council ELHS Debate Team representative, Mohamed Nagi, thanked ELHS PC for awarding the Debate Team a student grant. They will use the funds for MIFA membership for the group.	
Minute	The minutes were approved as submitted.	
Budget	The budget report was submitted by Shan Sweitzer. A total of \$14,415 was raised via fundraising. The current balance in the Bank of America account is \$11,531 and a projected ending balance is \$9,958. Konrad Hittner advised that the difference between the budget and his report existed because some teacher grant checks had not been cashed.	The budget report was accepted as reported.

Principal Report	<p>Principal Coby Fletcher reported regarding A.P. testing, noting that it took five weeks and including over 600 A.P. tests. He also advised that , according to the U.S. News and World Reports, the high school was rated “Silver” and the 24th best in the state, and that the higher education website shows which schools are accredited.</p> <p>Coby then stated that there had been an accreditation review team visit, prior to which preparation had taken nearly three months. The high school has been re-accredited for the next five years.</p> <p>In discussing the prom and post prom activities, Coby noted that is was a very impressive experience. He also said that the Parent Council’s involvement in the Top Scholar event was instrumental to its success and that he hoped the involvement would continue.</p>	
School Board Report	<p>No school board report was given as our liaison, Nate Lake, had just announced he was stepping down from the EL School Board for personal reasons. No other member attended to give the report.</p>	
President’s Report	<p>Based on the success of an open discussion period before the April meeting, Nancy Schertzing suggested that the Council have an open discussion time from 6-6:30 before each of next school year’s meetings.</p>	
Presentations/ Reports from Officers	<p>Wanda Jones, who is transitioning from the position of Volunteer Coordinator, advised of some of the issues related to that position.</p> <p>Tom Meyer, Recording Secretary, suggested that extra efforts be made to encourage parent attendance at those Council meetings where university admissions personnel give presentations.</p> <p>The VP of Communications, Lisa Rutkowski, encouraged members to send additional information for inclusion in the E-Bulletin.</p>	

	<p>Incoming board members who are also parents of ELHS freshmen talked about the need to reach out to incoming freshmen parents to let them know what to expect at ELHS and answer their questions</p> <p>Konrad Hittner, VP Teacher Grants, gave a list of the grants given throughout the school year.</p>	<p>Parent Council will host a panel presentation for MacDonald parents and students before school ends.</p>
<p>Election of Officers and Board members for the 2015-2016 school year</p>	<p>The slate of officers proposed was:</p> <p>President -Nancy Schertzing</p> <p>VP Programs-Sheila Nash</p> <p>VP Communications-Lisa Rutkowski</p> <p>VP Teacher Grants-Konrad Hittner</p> <p>Recording Secretary-Tom Meyer</p> <p>Treasurer-Shan Sweitzer</p> <p>Corresponding Secretary-Stephanie Horton</p> <p>Teacher Luncheon Coordinator-Fatimah Ahmed</p> <p>DPC Representative-Elizabeth Vannis</p> <p>Volunteer Coordinator-Teshia Johnson</p> <p>Family Directory Coordinator; Christina Gentilozzi</p> <p>Web Shepherd-Erich Ditschman</p> <p>Welcome International Families-Wendy Sylvester Rowan & Jake Rowan</p>	<p>The slate of officers and board members was elected by a unanimous vote.</p>
<p>Other business</p>	<p>There was a discussion regarding Parent Council involvement in the Activity Day on August 19th.</p>	<p>ELHS PC will host an informal discussion with any ELHS parents who want to drop in while their child is going thru Activity Day stations.</p>

