

ELHS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Committee/Meeting Name	East Lansing Parent Council				
Date	10-25-16	Starting Time	6:30	Ending Time	7:03
Location	East Lansing High School HUB			Recorder	Tom Meyer
Members Present	Connie Heck, Kayla Van Dyke, Cathy Mahler, Linda Wychers-Caldwell, Byron Lane, Wendy Sylvester-Rowan, Judy Schmidt, Madhavi Natla, Nick Hamilton , Kath Edsall, Ellen Ives, Donna Rich Kaplowitz, Lisa Rutkowski, Tom Meyer				

Topics	Discussion, Information	Action to be Taken, Decision, Recommendation, Timeline
Agenda	The agenda was presented at the beginning of the meeting	The agenda was approved as submitted.
Principal's Report	Assistant Principal Nick Hamilton appeared on behalf of Principal Fletcher . Nick advised that the teachers were very appreciative of the teacher luncheon, , that the PSAT was finished, and that the SAT would be administered in April. He also mentioned that the College Boards has an app where students can get a question a day to study and that with a just purchased program all 9th graders would be tested on reading scores and that their progress will be followed in later grades. Nick also advised of a program designed to cut the failure rate for Algebra students between the first and second semesters. Nick also mentioned that the restorative justice protocol had already been used at least once, with a positive outcome.	
Minutes	The minutes of the 9-20-16 meeting were presented.	The minutes were approved as submitted.

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<p>Updates</p>	<p>Linda Wychers-Caldwell advised that the proposed Science Teacher grants , if approved, would be subject to an offset for any funding on these projects from the East Lansing Education Foundation. A motion was offered to that effect.</p> <p>Kathy Van Dyke advised that the carryover for as yet unused, but approved student and teacher grants had been added to the budget.</p> <p>Cathy Mahler said that she has met with students and the goal is to have a revised application form for student grants distributed shortly.</p> <p>Connie Heck told the Council members that the teacher luncheon had gone very well and that the teachers were very appreciative.</p> <p>Lisa Rutkowski advised of news from the District Parent Council , noting that bus overcrowding is a hot topic.</p> <p>Wendy Sylvester-Rowan noted that getting interest in a meeting for international families was a work in progress and that a meeting date of November 15 had been proposed.</p> <p>School board member Kath Edsall mentioned several items, including that there had been a presentation on restorative justice the previous night at the middle school, that a proposed school bond was a major</p>	<p>The motion to approve the teacher grants with an ELEF offset was passed by a voice vote. Previously council members Christina Gentilozzi, Teshia Jones, and Lori Simon had voted via email to approve the grants.</p>

	<p>issue, that the board had approved a mental health committee the previous night, and that two weeks ago the board had formed a committee to look at student biking to the elementary schools.</p>	
	<p>The meeting concluded at 7:03 and was followed by a program: Exploring Paths to Success after High School: College and Career options.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 15 in the ELHS Media Center.</p> <p>The business meeting will be held from 6:30-7:00 and will be followed with a program, from 7:00-8:30 , entitled: “Adolescent Mental Health: What’s Normal, When to Worry, and How to Help”. The program speakers will be Jon and Jen Novello.</p>	

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