

LANSING EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Wednesday January 7, 2009
Eastern High School, Eleanor A. Doersam Social Room

Members Present: Lou Hekhuis – Chairman, Stefanie Dummer-Wolter – acting recorder, Eleanor Doersam, Jerry King, Virgil Langworthy, Mark Hahn Guests: Carl Word, Robin Coe

Robin Coe gave us an update on the IB program at Eastern. She reported that the Summer Trip was a great experience and that the students are still working on a video. She will be working on the Middle Years Program (MYP) with Mark Rudd. As part of the MYP she is working on beautifying the school – adding paint, flags, framed artwork, electronic clocks, electronic bulletin boards, and flat screen televisions in the Quaker Room and Cafeteria. The school will also be updating the school crest. The theme to the changes is Bringing People Together. The company helping with the printing is Success Point. The cost of the upgrades is around \$44,000 and is paid by the IB Grant.

Coe also talked about the general feeling of the building and commented that the teachers were feeling uncertain as to their future. There hasn't been very much communication between downtown and the school. As of yet the school board or the superintendent has not been to Eastern for a visit. She mentioned that there would be a restructuring announcement coming from the district in February.

Carol Word then spoke on the Freshmen Honor Roll and Honor Guard program. He handed out a proposed budget. Stefanie Dummer-Wolter offered to put up "bells" to open the new semester and to help with the Quality Quaker cards if no one else had the time.

C. Word also talked about the Entrepreneurial Program. He mentioned that he wanted to start the program at the beginning of the new semester with 30 students. He was optimistic that he could pull it all together. The students would have a regular school day and then have more school after school and maybe work with the virtual program.

We did not schedule any further meetings. Lou Hekhuis stated that S. Dummer-Wolter would be acting chair until he came back from Florida and that she could call a meeting if it was necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Dummer-Wolter – acting recorder