

LANSING EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Wednesday October 13 2010

Members present: Lou Hekhuis – Chairman, Stefanie Dummer-Wolter – acting recorder, Jimmy Sinadinos, Jerry King, Dave Cushion, Eleanor Doersam, Letha Collins, Mark Hahn Guests: Principal Susan Land, IB Coordinator Emily Oberlitner

L. Hekhuis announced that Frank Goodall had passed away. Frank was part of the class of 1943. He had donated the soft drinks for the Alumni Picnic for many years and was always with a camera in hand.

The minutes were approved with the following corrections: Emily Turner, English Department Chair, Donna Pohl, and Assistant Principal

S. Dummer reported that the Advisory Committee had met the previous Wednesday and had approved over \$30,000 in grants. A sheet was handed out which identified the grants. Because there was a staff member present, the winner of the Hugh Spagnuolo Award for Excellence in Teaching was not identified. The winner this year is Laura Hollis.

J. Sinadinos commented on the lack of input the Alumni Board seemed to have during this grant awarding session. S. Dummer-Wolter explained that the Alumni Board was represented by the three sitting board members who are part of both boards. J. Sinadinos felt that the Alumni Board should look at all the grants before they are submitted to the Advisory Board. L. Collins argued that it would take a very long time to look at all of them – this year we had over 40 applications.

E. Oberlitner commented on the date that the grants are due. She feels that they should be due before school actually begins so that the money is available sooner. She mentioned that it is sometimes difficult to get the money after it has been awarded.

E. Doersam reported that the Athletic Hall of Fame would fill out a mini-grant during the winter session so that they can show they are supported by the Alumni Association. They will only ask for \$300. They are doing the same with the PTSA.

S. Dummer-Wolter passed out a letter from a current student at Eastern who is concerned about the cost of the IB tests. M. Hahn suggested that the IB program be contacted and asked to consider the economy that we live in. S. Dummer-Wolter made a motion to create a grant to help out the students for next year's test. The grant would focus on paying for the administrative fee of the test. E. Oberlitner agreed to help write the application and suggested that a student also help. The motion passed and the committee will work on it after the IB inspection is over.

E. Doersam reported that the Literacy Center is in need of volunteers. S. Dummer-Wolter reported that a mass email was sent and it was on the website. Jim Lynch was going to contact people through the PTSA.

L. Hekhuis reported that on October 21, 2010 the Lansing Historical Society is holding an event at Eastern celebrating the building as a historical site. John Stahl is in charge of the event and we are in need of more volunteers.

S. Land reported on the Transformational Model. They have developed the following four ideas:

1. Flex schedule for both teachers and students - would allow extended opportunity for students to make up lost credits and for advanced students spend time at LCC their senior year.

2. Academic Advisory Class – This would be a ½ hour class where students would have the same teacher for four years and the teacher would act as a mentor

3. Positive Behavior Support

4. Content Area Literacy – focusing on vocabulary / inferences and learning to read charts and graphs

This school year is a planning year, the plan would go into affect 2011-2012 school year, regardless if our scores improve.

Eastern's enrollment: 1,327

Everett's enrollment: 1,420

Sexton's enrollment: 720

Eastern is the preferred ESL school in Lansing.

70% of Eastern's students receive free or reduced lunches.

27 languages are spoken at Eastern

The Hugh Spagunolo Award for Excellence in Teaching will be presented on October 25, 2010 in the Social Room at 2:45pm. All are invited.

D. Panici would like Alumni to use the following site: [www.mylockershop.com](http://www.mylockershop.com) for all other with Eastern wear. A percentage of the proceeds comes back directly to Eastern. You can have personalized sweatshirts with graduation year.

Our next meeting will be November 17, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

StefanieDummer-Wolter  
Acting Recorder