

Lansing Eastern High School Alumni Association
November 6, 2013 Eleanor A. Doersam Social Room

Members present: Lou Hekhuis, chairman, Cheryl Cushion, acting recorder, David Cushion, Jack Davis, Jeri Haber, Eric Lynch, Ron Morgan, Gil Northrup, James Sinadinos, Judy Williams, Mike Williams, Adrian Carrillo, Donna Pohl.

The Lansing School District's newly formed Facilities Committee and its charge of looking at all district facilities and properties and reporting to the Board of Education was discussed. L. Hekhuis reported that members with Eastern connections include Reniero Araroz, James Lynch and Joan Nelson. He also reported that the committee has met to set up ground rules for operation and transparency.

Principal Donna Pohl reported on the following:

- The Welcome Center for Eastern is up an running, but is still in need of permanent staff.
- She is very pleased with the current group of involved Eastern parents.
- The first issue of the Eastern newsletter has been published with plans for three additional issues this year.
- Plans are in the works for a Facebook page in addition to the website to provide an additional platform for communication between the school, parents, students and the community.
- Operation Safe Hallways is now in effect for the 7th and 8th grade hallways and is improving behavior in those areas.
- There have been plumbing issues in the building which have necessitated short term closing of some restrooms to resolve. Student restrooms are undergoing needed rehabilitation including plumbing fixes and replacement of partitions.

Chairman Hekhuis presented the current requests for funding from the Lansing Eastern Alumni Association Foundation. The Finance Committee will meet on November 15, 2013 to discuss these requests.

- \$650 has been requested to supplement a \$5000 grant from Lowes for renovations to the Eleanor A. Doersam Social Room.
- The Lansing Eastern High School Sports Hall of Fame Committee has requested \$250 to provide dinners for the students servers at the Hall of Fame Dinner in February.
- The Student Council has requested \$2500 to help defray costs of sending twenty-four students and two advisors to the National Association of Student Councils Leadership Conference in Chicago in February.
- Paul Guardijo has requested \$1500 to provide transportation for college visits and school supplies for students participating in the Talent Search Program.
- English teacher, Tyler Blakeslee has requested \$300 for classroom enrichment materials.

- Mayan Fischer has requested \$422 for audio CD's and equipment, as well as work books to assist with after school enrichment program which currently serves 48 7th and 8th graders.
- Librarian Linda Mondol has requested \$2500 to purchase books for the library which currently houses a collection below the per student standard.
- Social Studies teacher Jennifer Bush has requested \$600 to purchase subscriptions to the New York Times Up Front and Junior Scholastic.
- Mayan Fischer has requested \$990 for vocabulary and test taking skill materials for the ESL Tutoring Program.
- Principal Donna Pohl has requested \$1800 to purchase Adelante Magazine, which, published in English and Spanish, promotes healthy living and is distributed to students and available in the Welcome Center.
- Special Education math teacher Mary Haas has requested \$181 for headphones for use with online supplemental computer programs.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 3:30 in the Eleanor A. Doersam Social Room at Eastern High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Cushion, Acting Recorder