

**Eastern High School Alumni Association**  
**Report of Meeting: September 17, 2014, 4:00 PM**  
**Eastern High School Social Room**  
Respectfully submitted: Lynne Martinez

Attending were: Lou Hekhuis, Eleanor Doersem, Judy Williams, Mike Williams, Jeri Haber, Letha Collins, Cheryl Cushion, Carmella Olivet, Jack Davis, Gary Wajenke, Donna Pohl, Emily Oberlitner, Lynne Martinez

***MEAP Scores Discussion – Reform and Restructuring***

EHS Principal Donna Pohl updated the group on plans for reforming EHS and improving student academic success.

For each student there is a process of “Diagnose, Differentiate and Practice.”

Assessments are immediately available and are used to place students. Students who are behind in reading and math are placed in block scheduling with extra time on building these skills.

Students have been told that they can and need to do better and that they will be supported.

The process is monitored by 3 instructional coaches who are available to assist and mentor teachers. Reading Tutors are available after school on Monday and Wednesday. MSU Students will be offering tutoring in math and science.

Addressing what the EHS Alumni might do to support the efforts, Ms. Pohl suggested:

Purchasing some basketballs for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Assisting with greeting students as they arrive in the morning

Finding successful community members who would be good role models and motivational speakers

Through the SIG, Eastern will be hiring two new positions. One will be focused on Building new relationships and partnerships in and with the community. The other will be providing additional supports for student whose families need economic assistance.

The school is also providing a light dinner with the extended day for students who want it. The dinner is usually a sandwich and some sides and is served at 3:45.

There was additional discussion to do more PR to better publicize the good things happening at Eastern. IB students will help.

There is a new policy of phones in the building. Teachers are having students use their phones in some learning. The teacher is in charge of when they may be used and when they must be off. The Library is now renamed the Learning Commons. Eastern could use two librarians. That is not in the budget. The Sig is providing staff and resources including Chrome Social Studies books and Smart Boards in classrooms.

Carmella suggested that teachers can help other teachers learn to make better use of technology.

***Candidates for Board of Education***

- Lynne distributed the schedule for candidate interviews on September 23 and invited all who are interested to attend, beginning at 6:00 pm at Foster Community Center.
- Developing questions for candidates – It was agreed by all that there were too many questions on the list for the time available. Lynne will combine and eliminate questions and distribute for review before the interviews.

***Building Feasibility Study –***

Lou distributed a brief summary of the findings of the consultant. Discussion followed.

**Next Meeting: Monday October 13, 4:00 PM in the Social Room**