

Eastern High School Alumni Association
Report of Meeting: October 13, 2014, 4:00 PM
Eastern High School Social Room
Respectfully submitted: Lynne Martinez

Attending were: Lou Hekhuis, Jeri Haber, Jack Davis, David Cushion, Gil Northrup, Joan Nelson, Benjamin Botwinski, Lynne Martinez

Discussion

Benjamin Botwinski, who is employed as the Lansing School District attended the meeting to explain school assessments and where Lansing Eastern High School students stand on standardized tests. He stated that his position as Transformation Coordinator with LSD is unique. He is overseeing reforms in 9 Lansing schools that are on the State's priority schools list. He stated that much of his time is focused on Eastern. He Chairs the Governing Board.

A rich discussion centered around a Power Point presentation of state ranking systems and school comparisons. There was also discussion of what actions might improve building scores and get EHS off the priority schools list. The Power Point will be shared as it becomes available. Copies will be available at the November Alumni Board meeting.

Per requests from the Board, Mr. Botwinski will prepare a brief paper that explains key points about the status of Eastern High School and its students. Board members plan to use the document in various efforts to educate the community about its schools and especially Eastern. This will be discussed more at the November meeting.

Botwinski also offered to come to another meeting of the Board to explain how the SIG is being used to support reform at Eastern.

Board of Education Elections

There was discussion of candidates' responses to questions at the interviews. It was generally agreed that all the candidate presented themselves well.

Building Feasibility Study –

Gil suggested inviting School Board Members, candidates for the Board and community members to tour the restoration at Jackson High School. There was consensus that this may be better scheduled after the election of school board members. This will be an item on the Nov. 11 meeting agenda.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 4:00 PM in the Social Room