

**Eastern High School Alumni Association
Report of Facilities Meeting, June 24, 2014, 4:00 PM
Eastern High School Social Room**

Attending were: Louis Hekhuis, Eleanor Doersam, Jeri Haber, Letha Collins, Cheryl Cushion, David Cushion, Joan Nelson, Gil Northrup, Jim Sinadinos, Nancy Mahlow, August Stover, Eric Lynch, Jody Washington and Lynne Martinez
Respectfully submitted by: Lynne Martinez

Louis called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05.

Discussion of Gil Northrup Letter

Gil presented a draft Point of View letter very close to the final copy that he submitted to the Lansing State Journal for publication. The letter was co-singed by Mike Brown who graduated with honors in the EHS Class of 2014. Gil checked with Elaine Kulhanek and believes that the letter will be printed. He will let us know when he receives news. He suggested that members of the Board and others should help keep a focus on the topic by sending several letters to the editor supporting points in the Point of View. He will share the final copy with the group.

Discussion of Freedom of Information Act request to the School District for the architectural plans for Eastern High School

Louis reported that the FOIA request has been sent to the school district. He spoke today, June 24 with Debbie Server who received the request and said it would take her some time to find and process all of the information.

Gil noted that he is exploring other possible sources for the architectural plans.

Jody noted that she has asked the Lansing Fire Department if they have a copy in their records. They are looking.

Report on the School District's Strategic Planning Retreat on June 14

Other

There was discussion of the status of Board of Education and Administration discussions of a facilities plan and plans for a millage request.

Some felt that the decisions about Eastern High School have already been made.

There was discussion of a possible plan to expand Pattengill to be a 7 through 12 school and rename it Eastern High School.

There was discussion of the desirability of maintain EHS as an historically important structure, as a school or as something else.

There was consensus that there is no agreement in the Community about a bottom line or preferred alternative.

There was discussion of a possible community forum about EHS and East Side school facilities. This will be considered further at another meeting.

It was noted again that, If EHS does not meet Adequate Yearly Progress this year, determined by improvements in MEAP test results; it is required to be restructured or will be subject to state takeover.

There was a general frustration among interested East Side residents and Eastern Alumni Association member with not being included in strategic planning and facilities conversation currently happening.

Gil and Lynne will work together to create an invitation to the Superintendent requesting a meeting with East Side residents and Alumni.

It was agreed that a small group of those available and with tasks will meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 4:00 PM again at the EHS Social room.

The next meeting of the Board will be on July 15 at 4:00 pm at the EHS Social Room.