

EAC Meeting  
9/25/08  
Wealthy St Bakery  
608 Wealthy Street, Grand Rapids, MI

1. Call to Order: 7:15 pm
2. Attendance: Andy Bowman, Vickie Craig, Kate McCrindle, Sara Potyraj, Denise Blair, Anne Marie Bessette, Ted Bonarski. Also attending to consider joining the committee were Kelly Sue Hornsby (hornsbyks@yahoo.com) and Mark Roys (mark.roys@csmgroup.com).
3. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of 5/24/08 approved by general concurrence.
4. Agenda Approval. Agenda approved by general concurrence.
5. Approval of Committee Name. Motion by Bonarski, supported McCrindle to recommend to PTSA Board to change name to Education Advocacy Committee. Ayes: All. Motion carried.
6. Leadership Grand Rapids discussion:

Bessette described the LGR sessions. Bessette asked for suggestions on issues related to education. Bessette mentioned two books she was suggesting for the session: Charles Ballard's book on Michigan's economy and A Primer on Michigan School Finance (check website for Wayne State University Press: [www.wsupress.wayne.edu](http://www.wsupress.wayne.edu)).

Possible to have Charles Ballard address the overall City School as a PTSA event on November 20th. We are still checking on this. If applicable, Bessette will suggest someone from EAC to discuss PTSA involvement. Bowman's name was suggested.
7. Goals of Committee:
  - a. Student Involvement. Get more directly involved in various student activities. Bowman mentioned hopes for new student interactions with all of PTSA this year using the Class Enhancements Committee chaired by Potyraj. EAC could interact with student government. Ideas for this committee are still being worked out.
  - b. Community Newsletter: Create another community newsletter, this time starting distribution with the parents of City High. It was also noted that the LGR group could see the prior newsletter too.
  - c. Resolution: Complete a resolution for Equitable Funding of Public Schools. Pull the resolution together and the format could be further discussed through City High's legislative debate group. Presentation of the resolution would require additional planning. Expectation to send to MPTSA Convention in Kalamazoo.
  - d. GRPS Candidate Forum: Plan and implement another GRPS Candidate Forum. Review last year's debriefing and modify program accordingly.
8. Other Issues:
  - a. Student-run Candidate Forum was discussed. Question by McCrindle to circulate questions posed by a MPTSA flier. Perhaps we can them to area media interviewers. McCrindle asked to get e-mails to her with contacts – names and contact information.
  - b. KISD Grassroots. The Legislative Committee of the KISD will be meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at KISD facility. The group was further described.
9. Next Meeting: EAC will meeting again on Thursday, October 23, 7:00 pm, at Wealthy St Bakery.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.