

EAC Meeting
11/13/08
Wealthy St Bakery
608 Wealthy Street, Grand Rapids, MI

1. Call to Order: 7:15 p.m.
2. Attendance: Denise Blair (late), Ted Bonarski, Andy Bowman, Anne Cusack, Kate McCrindle.
3. Approval of Minutes. McCrindle moves, Cusack supports to approve minutes of 10/23/08. Ayes: all.
4. Agenda Approval. Agenda approved by general concurrence.
5. Resolution:
 - a. McCrindle clarified the proposed resolution is still planned on a standard basis, but we need to align "whereas" supporting statements. The EAC worked on wording of the resolution. Revised resolution:

"So be it resolved that the City PTSA challenge the Michigan State Legislature to take immediate action to eradicate the increasing structural deficit in Education funding by examining and implementing alternate funding sources not tied solely to sales tax. Further, we ask for the revision of distribution methods to improve the equality of funding for every child in the state by improving the 2x formula or other effective means. City PTSA further asks that the new funding model accommodate expected inflated costs such as healthcare for its human capital and provides a mechanism where foundation funding is increased each year to offset same so that funding erosion does not continue to destroy the educational infrastructure and future economic competitiveness of our workforce."
 - b. It was agreed we still need to work on "whereas" supporting statements and we should look them over and make comment by next meeting.
6. Michigan PTSA - Legislative/Child Advocacy/Update. The e-mail from EAC member Sara Potyraj was referred to. [check attached e-mail PDF with MPTSA report].
7. KISD Grassroots update - No meeting until February.
8. Community Newsletter – McCrindle still need to check on publication costs through GRPS.
9. GRPS Candidate Forum:
 - a. City High/Middle extra credit for the school board forum was discussed. It was felt that Wayne Bentley's approach works for his government class, but we would need to seek wider staff support for a school-wide version.
 - b. Blair reported that League of Women's Voters will be glad to work on it with us on the forum.
 - c. Bowman still needs to check on Girl Scouts.
10. Next Meeting - Thursday, December 11, 7:00 p.m., at Wealthy St Bakery.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.