

EAC Meeting

2/5/09

Wealthy St Bakery

608 Wealthy Street, Grand Rapids, MI

1. Call to Order: 7:15 p.m.
2. Attendance: Ted Bonarski, Anne Marie Bessette, Denise Blair, Kate McCrindle, Andy Bowman, Sara Potyraj.
3. Approval of Minutes. McCrindle moves, Blair supports, to approve minutes of 11/13/08. Ayes: all.
4. Agenda Approval. Agenda approved with addition of issues surrounding Michigan PTSA.
5. Resolution: The next agenda should include a review of the "whereases" alignment with the resolution wording adopted at the last EAC meeting. Bowman will send out previous list of "whereases". Blair and Bowman will review the "whereases" before the next meeting.
6. KISD Grassroots update – Blair reported the next meetings will be 2/19, 3/19 and 5/14.
7. Other Issues:
  - a. Extended Kindergarten – Need a "Parent Advisory" alert about this matter. Bowman to work on format with others sending information as known.
  - b. HB 4141 Sinking fund – Potyraj to research where it is going. Could be part of advisory above.
8. GRPS Candidate Forum. Blair reported on her meeting at League of Women Voters. An array of partners, including Nokomis Foundation, Alpha-Kappa-Alpha event planners and Girl Scouts, will be pulling together a forum. The EAC enthusiastically endorsed being involved with this partnership to ensure wider participation. Our role could include:
  - a. Articles for flier.
  - b. Translations.
  - c. Venue.
9. Community Newsletter – Ideas for the newsletter included: our PTSA Resolution, State PTSA Advocacy Day, the Candidate Forum, CityVision results, the Economic Stimulus package for Michigan schools (Bowman to check on Charles Ballard impressions). McCrindle stressed the need to ensure our own parents get this newsletter this time.
10. Next Meeting - Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., at Wealthy St Bakery. Next meeting issues:
  - a. Align "Whereases" with funding resolution.
  - b. Need future members for EAC.
  - c. Compare National Policy Agenda to align with EAC issues.
  - d. Discuss Candidate Forum participation.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.