

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, April 2, 2014 - 6:45 am - Bar 14 Restaurant

Board Member Attendance (PT=part-time):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missy Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Farris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deborah Gauck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Gordon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Gylling and Jim (one position)	<input type="checkbox"/> Alice Jaakola	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Titus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike McCloskey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trish Perna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Slothower	<input type="checkbox"/> John MacRae	<input type="checkbox"/> Celeste Torset
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Wachsmith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Wedin		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Cawley

Guests in Attendance:

Jason Eng (5th Grade Camp) Rachel Case (Lincoln Parents) John Graf (Lincoln Principal)

Meeting began - 6:45 by Jeff Slothower

April meeting agenda approval: Agenda was approved by a motion, second and unanimous vote

March minutes approval: Minutes were previously distributed via email for review. One change was needed on page 2. Corrected minutes will read "Dick represents Lion's Club..." and not Rotary. Minutes approved with the one correction.

Superintendent's report – Paul Farris: Paul said Thought Stream will be launching in about two weeks. He said the district hopes this will be a way to get public input. ESD has a Facebook page which is ran by Jeff Cochran. They hope this will be a way to share positive posts about the district.

Michelle Cawley commented that she felt the district was doing a 'good job' trying to increase communication.

Jeff Slothower liked the school board meetings being streamed so more people can watch them.

Paul thanked Jim Gylling for the tech presentation at the last school board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – The report was sent out by email by Richard. Jeff explained the summary. Unrestricted funds are at \$5593. The fundraiser has \$1704.48 left.

Committee Reports

1) Associate Group Reports – All associates were invited by email or phone to attend today's 'Annual Meeting.' The following reports were presented to the board:

Early Learning Coalition Michelle Cawley

They are using up their \$15,000.00 grant. They are working on the best days and times to have events for young children and their parents. They are bringing the Burke Museum in a Box here tomorrow. They are partnering with others to do set events. This summer there will be programs on buoyancy and other water activities. They are working with FISH to be a part of lunch in the parks.

They are trying to do more Hispanic outreach. For the past three years they have figured out their direction. They are piloting a project for Birth to 5 focusing on math and reading readiness. These are county-wide program grants and not just within ESD.

Fifth Grade Camp Jason Eng, Mt. Stuart 5th Grade Teacher

Jason reported this will be the 46th year of Fifth Grade Camp in ESD! Lazy F will continue to be the location since the budget cuts five years ago. Jason said they are still trying to reopen funding within the district. The difficulty of private fundraising is that parents are willing to 'help' but not take on coordinating the entire fundraising.

Lincoln Parent Council Rachel Case

Rachel said that Lincoln parents have an annual budget of about \$34,000. They raise it and spend it. They just bought \$4,000.00 of Kindles for Kindergarten. They are having their annual tulip sale now. The other main fundraiser is the spellathon in the fall.

Morgan Performing Arts Kathleen Beach

Kathleen explained this group paid for lighting, seating, sound, curtains and other items for Morgan. They still have money in their account but since there is no middle school built yet the money remains. Kathleen also stated that when the new middle school is built she certainly hopes it contains a performing arts center.

EHS Booster Club Jeff Slothower, Booster Club Treasurer

Jeff explained that Booster Club traditionally supports athletics. They are really trying to pull together all sports, band and cheer together. The prior athletic director, Eric Davis, had a goal to have Booster Club oversee the money for all sports and groups within EHS who did not have their own 501(c)3 status. Currently the program is being rebuilt. There is very poor attendance at monthly meetings [held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 am at EHS]. Lori Leach volunteered to be president and will continue on next year if needed.

Missy asked about 'pulling together other parent groups' and Jeff explained that Booster Club should oversee everyone's checking accounts so the money is accounted for and is 'transparent.' He wants all sports and activities to work together for general athletics too.

Officer Elections –

President – Jeff will continue. This is usually a 2 year term.

Vice President – Mike will continue as well.

Treasurer – Richard had told Jeff he would continue for now.

Secretary – Mary is taking over for Patti

Dick moved to accept this slate of officers and John seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Members to Ed Foundation Board –

Dick asked Sue Connelly of CWU and she accepted

Mary Gordon will continue for another term

Jim and Patti Gylling will continue on, taking only one position

Jim said Mark Larson is interested but cannot commit to accepting until the fall

Report on the Bookmobile Project – John Graf

John said the racks inside the back of the box van were going to be metal but now he wants to make them out of wood. He said Mandi Laurent spent about \$220 on books at the Scholastic Warehouse. Wood shelves, or materials, can probably be donated through connections of Jim Gylling.

Deb wanted to know if they were accepting donations of gently used books. John said some they were given were really worn and had writing in them, and they did not use them. They also need Spanish books. He was working with Chispa (MMS) and Spanish Club at EHS.

Mt. Stuart and Valley View have not truly been 'invited' but need to be involved in the Bookmobile. [It is a district wide project and not exclusively Lincoln's]. Michelle will be providing books for 0-5 through the Early Learning Coalition. John said he does not want them to be with the Bookmobile but it is ok for them to 'show up at the same location' to hand out their books for younger children.

Discussion followed about the high costs of the original vinyl wrap, etc. versus the immediate needs to make certain it is in operation this summer.

After discussion, Mary moved to allocate the remaining \$1704.48 from the Superbowl fundraiser to the Bookmobile. Mike seconded the motion and it passed.

We are awaiting the Lowe's grant application notice sometime in May. Deb didn't know for sure if it would be cash or Lowe's products.

Grant Writing time with Deborah – Deborah Gauck

We will all meet on Monday, April 28 at 4 pm at Trish and Scott Perna's office to learn basics. Deb also said she was presenting grant writing to a CWU class who must do actual grants for public groups. She will ask if they can help with grants to directly help us.

Strategic Plan Follow-up – Dick and Paul

The board met with Mitch Everton and he gave them a summary of his findings on April 9. The ESD will start to promote it on Facebook and on their webpage. They will televise it before the next board meeting. The input from Thought Stream is for the school board and not Mitch Everton.

Discussion followed about the need for informational flyers. Most present thought they should be trying to use all parent emails for communication. They should be linked through Skyward. Deb and Jeff spoke about the need for email broadcasts from the ESD and how to implement them. They are 'trying' to incorporate emails into standard communication.

New Ed Foundation Board members – Jeff said the bylaws allow for up to 25 people. He encouraged us to continue to seek more new members.

New Business –

Summer Meeting Schedule – Jeff said we sometimes don't meet in June. At the May meeting we will set the date for the 'summer retreat.' We may skip June and July and meet in August. He asked everyone bring their calendars to the May meeting.

Technology Update – Jim reported that there have been three tech presentations to the school board. Two were by Jeff Cochran, one by Jim. They must have a 'vision' two to three years into the future. He feels they are really struggling to have teachers think about the future and their vision of technology. The teachers are very conservative, in his opinion.

Jim volunteered to do an audit of the network and parts within the district. He feels to bring tech to today's standards it is a \$8.5 to 10M ticket over the next 5 to 10 years, depending on funding. He said this is not an outlandish vision. Peer districts are running \$20 to 30M tech levies

or bonds to stay current. Jim said the current network is 'on its last leg.' Jim showed plans and timelines to implement and begin to repair the system. Are we ready for tech grants? Yes. Absolutely. We will do a 'real tech grant' application on April 28.

The tech director position is ongoing. The Tech Committee will meet again on Monday.

Rejoin or pay membership to ASFA –

Mary moved that we renew our membership to ASFA. John seconded it. Passed. Mary hopes that we can use more of their resources than we have. [Grants, meetings, references, etc.]

Insurance Bill payment –

Dick will be paying the insurance bill. [It also covers our associate groups]

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 am by Jeff Slothower.

Next meeting, Wednesday, May 7 - 6:45 am at Bar 14 Restaurant

Minutes of the monthly meeting submitted by Patti Gylling, Secretary
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