

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation
Meeting Minutes
12/18/03

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. in the Morgan library by President Bob Titus.

Present were: Connie Dunnington, Mike McCloskey, Dick Wedin, Gretta Merwin, Doug Murphy, Kathleen Beach, David Bowen, Bob Titus

Guests were: Maggie Newschwander, Pat Muir, Teresa Torrance-Smith, Carol Drinkwater, Fred Newschwander, Sue Connolly, David Dick

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by David and a second by Doug, the minutes for the November meeting were approved as printed and eMailed by Dick Wedin.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dick distributed a financial statement from Richard showing a positive cash balance in all funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mini Grants:

- It is the goal of the committee to offer grants two times per year. The eventual goal is to have \$3000-\$5000 in each round of grants.
- \$500 was awarded to Maggie Newschwander to allow her to continue her after school art program
- \$500 was awarded to Carol Drinkwater and Teresa Torrance-Smith which allowed them to travel to the NCTE conference on Writing Across the Curriculum. They will be conducting an inservice for staff soon.
- \$250 was accepted by Gretta on behalf of Jennifer Hendricks which will partially cover her tuition for a class at CWU for exceptional students.
- David asked the applicants if they felt the application process was simple enough. They agreed that it was.

Tile Sales:

- John was unable to be at the meeting.
- Rumor is that a number of tiles have been sold.
- Several members present indicated that they had sold some.
- There will be an article in the School District's Annual Report about the Foundation and the Tile Sales.
- Dick reported that some applications from the District Calendar have been sent in.
- Connie shared that Paul Farris had an idea of having an "If you buy by this date" date, which if you purchase a tile by that date, you will be given a speak preview tour of the new school before the general public is.
- Gretta reported that there will be an open house for the general public before the actual move-in date.
- Bob asked about a wall unveiling when the wall is substantially complete.
- Connie and Dick will be speaking to parent groups again in February.
- Additional advertising, posters, and window displays are in the works. Report pending from Paul.

NEW BUSINESS:

2004 Budget :

- Dick shared a budget as prepared by Richard.
- Upon a motion by Dick and a second by Gretta, the budget was adopted as printed.
- A discussion ensued about loans encumbered by Foundation entities. It was suggested that we encourage groups to work within their budget. If a group needs to exceed their budget, they should come to the Foundation for approval. If loans need to be taken, they should be formalized.
- The Ellensburg School District Education Foundation hereby acknowledges that a loan was made by Jack Horsley to MPAC in the amount of \$600.00. The board agreed to repay this loan following the next golf ball drop unless a formal request is made from MPAC representatives prior to that date.

Music Support Group:

- Dick introduced Sue Connolly who gave an initial report on a grass roots group which has formed to increase music education in the school district.
- The group is currently envisioning an exemplary model of a music program for the Ellensburg School District.
- Larry Gookin, CWU Music Professor, is currently researching other districts' music programs.
- Plans currently in the works (Pending District approval):
 - Central will host a benefit concert to help the School District's music program
 - Lowell Murphrey is currently researching grants available to assist in this effort
- The group sees this as a three-year effort.
- Sue indicated that once the group is fully functional, they will be asking to use the Foundation as their granting foundation.
- Bob shared that Angela Unruh has also contacted Bob about getting the strings program scholarships under our umbrella.
- The group plans to be formalized by August, 2004.
- The question was asked about whether umbrella groups should have their own boards. It was agreed that at least one member of each umbrella group should attend the monthly board meetings.
- The board agreed in concept with the plan presented by Sue. We will formalize our relationship with the group once they are fully established.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Mike shared an article about the Bellevue School District's foundation which has raised millions of dollars.
- Dick shared that he will be meeting with Jen Gray on January 5 to discuss naming policies, policies in general, and scholarships as memorials. Others are welcome to attend.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 2004.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. McCloskey
Secretary