

## ***Ellensburg School District Education Foundation***

**Board Meeting • October 1, 2014 • Bar 14 • 6:45 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Michelle Cawley, Sue Connolly, Missy Davis, Deb Gauck, Paul Farris, Mary Gordon, Jim and Patti Gylling, John MacRae, Mike McCloskey, Jeff Slothower, Bob Titus, Richard Wachsmith, Dick Wedin

**Board Members Absent:** Trish Perna

Meeting was called to order at 6:46 a.m.

**Guests Present:** Mark Larsen

### **Approval of October 1<sup>st</sup> Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Bob and seconded by Richard, the October 1st agenda was approved.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Upon a motion made by Jim and seconded by John, the May 2014 minutes were approved. There was a correction for the 2014 Retreat minutes- Educational Endowment should say Educational Trust. Michelle Cawley moved to accept the Retreat minutes with that change. Approved.

Introductions were presented around the room for our guest Mark Larsen.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

The school year is off and running. Two portables were added to reduce class size and are already full due to increased enrollment. One additional class has been added at Valley View. Transportation seems to be going well. Committee for a Common Vision is working hard and has reduced all potential ideas down to 7 options for the middle school bond this winter. The School District plans to offer another Thoughtstream later in the year to gather feedback from the community. The Strategic Plan is completed in draft form and now needs tweaking by administrators and staff members. It is a work in progress to achieve goals over the next 3-5 years. The goals have been adopted by the School Board and the administrative team will work on the fine details. In the area of technology, Mike Welch is doing a great job as the new technology director and emergency issues seem to be decreasing.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Richard presented the financial report. There was little activity in September. We had some Gorge fundraiser activity, both income and dispersements. The Class of 2014 Senior Party issues are now resolved. Scholarship monies were paid out for the Wahle and McClennen awards. We also had a small Book Mobile expenditure. Regarding the Excellence in Education Through Music money, Don May is being encouraged to purchase a French horn. 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp has been given a full financial picture of funds currently available as they begin their fundraising efforts for the 2015 camp season.

Upon a motion by John and seconded by Mike, the treasurer's report was approved.

## **Committees:**

### **Scholarships**

Mike will be contacting Richard soon regarding the Sissell Scholarship award. The EHS Fall Scholarship Fair will be Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Mike will meet with Mike Johansen at EHS and let us know what is needed from the Foundation Board. Other details will be communicated as they are confirmed.

### **Finance-Insurance**

No report.

### **Communications**

Mini grant request received in the PO Box- see below

### **Fund Raising**

#### **What are we fundraising for?**

Jeff gave a history of our fundraiser for the benefit of our guest.

Ideas presented:

- Superbowl Party, currently scheduled for January 30
- Duck race/Golf Ball Drop
- Spaghetti Feed
- Potato Dinner
- Gorge Concessions
- Car Show
- All School Carnival
- Individually fundraise- one on one
- All Day Fair
- Safeway and Fred Meyer programs
- Target businesses one on one (proceeds based on sales)
- Fun Run
- 365 Fund Drive- donate \$1 a day
- Script Program

Discussion followed. Everyone was enthusiastic about new ideas but hesitant to get involved in an activity that involved too much uncharted territory. In the end it was decided to stay with our Super Bowl Party on January 30<sup>th</sup> as it is unique and well received. Jim offered to research food options to save us money, and the Armory was suggested as an alternate venue.

An all district music performance was discussed as a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser. Sue offered to gather some initial thoughts from staff in the music world and report back.

Upon a motion by Dick and seconded by John, we will again host a Super Bowl party on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Discussion followed regarding our funding recipient. Ideas circulated including reader boards at Mt. Stuart and Lincoln, Technology and kindergarten readiness. Michelle Cawley explained the current Ready program offered, and she suggested the true need for Drug/Alcohol education. Library needs at every building was suggested as an idea, as well as an Emergency Alert System district wide. After all the discussion, it was decided to again support literacy and reading at every level. Details to be discussed by a smaller group (Sue, Michelle, Mary) and reported via email. The Gyllings will check on food options and our contract at the KVEC.

## **Associate Groups**

No report

## **Grants**

Mini Grant Request- Dan Patton- \$500 for books to give to kids for good behavior and under traumatic circumstances. Upon a motion by Dick and seconded by Jim the motion carried.

Deb asked if we might benefit from a more structured system for granting monies in the mini grant category. Dick explained that just about everything has been tried and the information on the website is clear and concise.

Grant Training Date- Deb will give Jeff three dates after November 15<sup>th</sup> that work and Jeff will communicate with the Board to set a date.

## **Nominating Committee**

Mark Larsen has attended as a guest to gather more information on Board membership.

## **Old Business**

Committee Sign Ups- tabled.

## **New Business**

Mary proposed we begin a budget line for emergency funding for kids to help cover the immediate and necessary things kids need that staff, counselors, nurses and Principals are currently purchasing out of pocket to help kids get through the day. Mary suggested this be by donations only, not something we fundraise for. Donors can benefit from the tax deduction by donating to the Foundation. Mary would offer to be the point person to help with immediate needs and keep reimbursement labor at a minimum for Richard. There are many details to be worked out and Mary volunteered to sit down with district administrators and staff to finalize a good plan that can work at each building.

Jim suggested these emergency donations not be charged our regular 1% fee, or 10% Education Trust we take from our Fundraising, and the group agreed.

Upon a motion by Mary and seconded by Richard, the motion carried to allow this budget line.

## **Other Business:**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 am at Bar 14.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Gordon, ESDEF Secretary