

# **Ellensburg School District Education Foundation**

September Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, September 11, 2013 - 6:45am - 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 type="checkbox"/> Mary Gordon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Gylling and/or 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Celeste Torset
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Wachsmith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Wedin		

## **Guests in Attendance:**

Mike Nollan                  Mandi Laurent                  John Graf

**Call to order - 6:50 by Jeff Slothower**

## **Previous Meeting Minutes Discussion:**

No discussion was presented to our August Grants meeting minutes. Mike motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Dick. Motion passed.

## **Guest Presenters (start of meeting):**

Mike Nolan was present to discuss early Childhood education but it fell under "fundraising."

## **Agenda Items:**

**Superintendent's report - Paul Farris-** There were no transportation issues this year. He said the summer school program and book mobile program went well. There are new early release days and PLC days on the calendar. It has been a great start to the new school year.

**Treasurer's Report- Richard Wachsmith-** Summer activity was discussed. The summary report copies were explained and questions answered by Richard. Bottom line is ESDEF has \$6,091 of unrestricted funds. Approval of Treasurer's report came after a motion by Mike and a second by Deborah.

Jeff shared he spoke with Louise Strange's daughter, Dr. Anita Archer ([explicitinstruction.org](http://explicitinstruction.org)) about the \$12,720 memorial. She does not want any recognition for her mother, just to have the money go where it is needed.

## **Committee Reports**

- 1) Nominations** - Jeff shared again the need for additional board members. Deborah suggested trying to get certain sectors in the community to join. Jeff stated there is a year-long push to add people, not just at a certain time. Any suggestions should be sent to Jeff.
- 2) Scholarships** - Mike McCloskey has met with the new EHS counselor Michael Johansen and feels there will be much more support for this year. Jeff Ellersick will be working with them to promote scholarships. Discussion about making payments directly to the student to avoid losing financial aid followed. Further discussions in future meetings.
- 3) Fundraising** – Jeff is looking into the food. The venue is confirmed. John Graf, Principal at Lincoln, spoke about the book mobile (district owned utility trailer) over the summer. They were geared for K-2 but want to expand next year. The program will be recognized nationally and in a magazine. John and Mandy Laurent are working with Tom Morris of R and R Auto Body to decide if a large van with a truck cab or a utility trailer would be best. Pros and cons of each were discussed. Celeste wants the actual van or trailer inside the building the night of the fundraiser to draw attention to the project. Discussion began on how much we could give or commit before the fundraiser for the van or trailer. The school district will insure it but not do any maintenance on either. They will

determine specific costs, but most members present felt a trailer was best. Paul reminded it could easily be towed by a district suburban.

Mike Nolan handed out a sheet on ESD Early Learning. He told us his passion is early learning and said there are so many kindergarteners not ready for the academics of all-day curriculum. He told us he is a part of a 50 person group called Kittitas County Early Learning Coalition. He spoke of some programs currently in place to educate new parents so they can help prepare their child for kindergarten. They have a STEM grant now but he didn't know who wrote it or how the district got it. Basically they want to ensure every child can recognize letters and sounds, write their name, write numbers, count, etc. and be ready for the rigors of all day school. Mike Nolan wants the ESDEF to let the coalition use the 401(c)3 status for grants as well as have us secure grants for them. Dick said he asked Mike Nolan to talk about this after hearing a talk to the school board.

- 4) **Grants** – Deborah asked what our grant focus should be – Early education or IT or Morgan. Paul Farris said we will have facility and IT issues forever but the early education problem is the immediate need. Discussion followed about the need for the strategic plan. However, Paul Farris and Mike Nolan spoke over the summer and the strategic plan will not be done because of three new school board members and the time required. It may be done by the end of the school year but takes 8 to 12 months and not the calendar year end as inferred earlier. Paul said the district knows what they want to do and each building has a plan and they have 'sub strategic plans' too. Mike Nolan says he has 'academic strategic plans' now. Deborah asked if there was a written IT plan and Mike Nolan said, "Yes." Jeff stated the technology needs are not articulated and so it is difficult to write a grant for IT now. He suggests helping with early education.
- 5) **Communications** – No report other than quick statement of trying to get ESDEF news in the school newsletters and making our own publication.
- 6) **Finance** – No report other than Dick has spoken with Richard.
- 7) **Associate Groups** -  
No reports by any associate groups. Jeff said he will try to get a new group to speak each month at our board meeting.

***New Business*** None

***Old Business***

**Tile Wall sales** – The new trifold flyer is done. Patti suggested updating the Tile Wall information on the district website. Jeff said to send info and new photos Patti took to Mike McCloskey, our webmaster, to update the page. Importance of promotion was discussed.

**Next meeting- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6:45am at Bar 14 Restaurant**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 am

Notes from board submitted by Patti Gylling, Secretary