

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

**Board Meeting • March 4th, 2015 • Bar 14 • 6:45 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Michelle Cawley, Paul Farris, Mary Gordon, Jim and Patti Gylling, Mike McCloskey, Trish Perna, Jeff Slothower, Richard Wachsmith, Dick Wedin, Missy Davis

**Board Members Absent:** Mark Larsen, Bob Titus, Deb Gauck, John MacRae

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

**Guests Present:** Jeff Cochran, Mike Welch

## **Approval of March 4th Agenda**

With additions of ESD IT and Early Learning, the February 4th agenda was approved.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Upon a motion made by Jim and seconded by Missy, the February 2015 minutes were approved.

## **Superintendent's Report:**

Paul explained the process going forward now that the middle school bond had passed. A consulting firm has been hired to start the planning for determining how the building will look. Committees will be formed and interested community members should contact the district office to get involved. Summer school will be held this year targeting 120 struggling readers K-3. Summer school location is still to be determined. School Board member Heather Hazlett and Paul spent a day in Olympia speaking to our area legislators regarding McCleary funding, early learning funding and professional development limitations and requirements. Paul felt the discussions went well and appreciated the opportunity to discuss real world ramifications of different proposed legislation surrounding education.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Richard presented the financial report for February 2015. One of our mini grants (I Pads) was spent, and our other mini grant (Kelli Rotter, \$4500) will be spent in March, leaving \$3750 in our technology fund budget line. Our annual insurance fee was paid. We show a profit of \$12,566 from our annual Super Bowl Warm Up fundraiser, however our 10% transfer to the Education Trust is yet to be done. We currently have \$4,582 in unrestricted funds.

Upon a motion by Jim and seconded by Dick, the treasurer's report was approved.

## **Committees:**

### **Scholarships**

Mike announced the Unified Scholarship applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Finance-Insurance**

No report.

### **Communications**

Thank you cards were presented from Dan Patton (Mt. Stuart Principal) for the funds gifted to purchase books and from the kindergarten team at Mt. Stuart for the funds gifted to purchase 24 Kindles.

### **Annual Meeting Preparations**

Our annual meeting will be held during our April board meeting. Jeff will get invitations out to all Associate Groups and asks everyone to email him with ideas of others to invite. It was decided all

building Principals should be invited. Missy and John continue to work on the slate of new officers. Everyone was also asked to be thinking of new people who might be interested in sitting on our Board.

### **Fund Raising**

Cash donor letters have been mailed for all guests who contributed to our Fund a Need, rounded up at check out or paid over value for a silent auction item. Address updates will be completed by Trish. Only 3 attendees chose not to support our cause and we had 5 paid guests unable to attend.

### **Associate Groups**

Jeff will invite a representative of each Associate Group to attend our annual meeting on April 1.

### **Grants**

Jeff explained to Jeff Cochran and Mike Welch why we were unable to donate \$5000 toward the IT cart for Lincoln (unsure of direction of IT, questions on how the cart works, our inability to understand the big picture, etc). A question was raised wondering why ESD doesn't take advantage of borrowed computers from CWU for testing? Michelle will connect Mike/Jeff with the appropriate people at CWU who can provide information. Mike and Jeff provided much information on what they're working on and the challenges faced regarding technology. A motion was made by Michelle with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard to update our grant request form to include a required signature from Mike Welch for any request in the technology area. Motion carried. A motion was made by Michelle with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Missy to gift \$5000 from our Louise Strange budget line to help fund the prototype mobile cart for Lincoln elementary to help with testing. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Old Business**

Nona Bunger will coordinate dates for our meeting with the School Board to determine how together we can best help kids in the Ellensburg School District.

Mary gave an update on Caring Cupboard. Donations are continuing to come in and money is getting to kids, and an expense sheet was distributed showing where money has been spent so far. Efforts to gather interest with other county Ed Foundations has not been successful but Mary will continue to try.

Kittitas County Early Learning Coalition received a \$25,000 grant to increase 'Thrive By 5'. The STEM event went very well and there is also a Facebook page up and running to reach more families and keep the community informed of upcoming activities.

Jeff will gather some dates for our annual retreat in May and Mary will help send a Doodle link so everyone can indicate availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:45 am at Bar 14.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Gordon, ESDEF Secretary