

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, May 3, 2017 - 6:45 am – IHOP Restaurant

Board Member attendance:

Curtis Bull (absent)

Michele Cawley

Deborah Gauck

Mary Gordon

Linda Graf

John MacRae (absent)

Mike McCloskey

Lowell Murphree

Mike Nollan (absent)

Noreen Norfleet

Maureen Rust

Jeff Slothower (absent)

Dick Wedin

Guests:

Michelle Bibich

Bill Lorenz and Kid Wind students & families

Neill Musser

Staci Sleigh-Layman

Meeting was called to order - 6:45 am by President Mike McCloskey

Minutes approval

Deb Gauck moved to approve the April 5, 2017 meeting minutes. Noreen Norfleet seconded. Motion carried. Mary Gordon noted she will correct a few typos.

Superintendent's report

- No Report

Treasurer's report

- Dick Wedin - current balances in checking: \$17534.76 and money market: \$49,245.20. We are caught up on the insurance premium and scholarships are squared away. Hard copies of the bank statements should be available next week.
- Mike noted that former local resident John Cleman recently made a \$5000 donation to ESDEF to support the funding of arts related projects.

Kid Wind National Competition request

- Bill Lorenz (Mt. Stuart school) introduced two teams of students who have advanced to the national Kid Wind competition in Anaheim, California May 23-25. The students gave demonstrations of their wind turbine projects. The school and families have a variety of fundraisers to help fund the students' travel and participation. A request was made for additional funding from the ESDEF to help offset their expenses.
- There was discussion regarding what regional, statewide, and national projects the schools traditionally fund, in addition to athletics. Linda Graf and Noreen will investigate how it is done in their respective school districts.

Inspired Families request

- Morgan Middle School Principal, Michelle Bibich, and Ellensburg High School CTE (Career & Technical Education) educator Neil Musser, introduced the newly formed *Inspired Families/Familias Inspiradas* program. The intent of this program is to be a means of consolidating family educational enrichment programming district-wide, rather than having each school organize separate (but often similar) programs. The organization board will be comprised of parent representatives from each

school. Michelle and Neil requested the program be added under the ESDEF "umbrella," making it eligible for 501(c)(3) status, and providing an account to funnel donations to.

- Mary made a motion to accept *Inspired Families/Familias Inspiradas* as an Education Foundation umbrella group. Noreen seconded the motion, motion passed. Dick will send the paperwork to Morgan and asked that the group plan to report back at the 2018 Annual meeting in April.

Correspondence

- None at this time.

Progress on goals:

- *Develop procedure notebooks for major Foundation activities:* Mary is working on these.
- *Unified Scholarship Program:* Mike is working on the unified scholarship applications.

Old Business:

- *Annual Meeting recap:* Feedback was favorable. Noreen noted it was a welcome healing event after the recent school district shake-ups. The board discussed the impressive money being raised by parent groups, something to consider when considering funding requests to the Foundation.

New Business:

- *New board member:* Staci Leigh-Layman, CWU Director of Human Relations whose children attended local schools, offered to serve on the Foundation Board. Mary made a motion to invite Staci onto the board; Deb seconded. Motion passed - welcome Staci!
- *Goals:* Mike congratulated the board on making great progress on goals established at the annual retreat.
- *Grant Training evaluation and follow-up:* Deb and Lowell gave a report on the recent Grant writing program (held March 27, 5-6:30pm). There were 11 participants. The program covered the applicant process and prospects for grants. It was based on the Logic Model and involved a lot of hands on work. Attendees used the district grant directory and had access to the database for the month following the workshop. Feedback very positive; indicates a desire for a longer session next time. Deb is willing to conduct the workshop twice a year. Deb had a recent conversation with interim superintendent, Mike Nollan, who indicates an interest in developing a grant-writing program for the district. Deb will put together a proposal. Mary suggested waiting until the current administrative positions are settled.
- *Fred Meyer Community Rewards:* It is time to apply for participation in this program (annual application required). Michelle noted many local organizations participate, spreading the benefits fairly thin across the community. Deb asked about applying to be Safeway's Charity of the Month. Mike will put both items on the retreat agenda.
- *Apple awards:* Tabled.
- *Thank you cards* to outgoing board members Patti and Jim Gylling, Paul Farris, and Trish Perna were circulated for signature. A reception for outgoing school district administrators was discussed. Mary will follow up and report back.
- *Audit:* Mary and Noreen offered to help with the audit.
- *Mini-grant Outreach:* Tabled.
- *Retreat Date:* Mike will update.
- Mike shared that the Gyllings will follow through with this year's engraving, but are hoping someone currently on the board will volunteer now to take this on after Gyllings leave so the new person can be trained and kept in the loop about the process.

Other Business:

- Dick brought up the subject of liability insurance for board members, and suggested asking the

umbrella groups to pay a small, additional (to their insurance costs) amount to cover acquiring this coverage.

The meeting was adjourned by President Mike McCloskey at 7:45am.
Submitted by Maureen Rust, Secretary