

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

November Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, November 4, 2015 - 6:45am – IHOP Restaurant

### **Board Member Attendance (PT=part-time):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Cawley	<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/Jim Gylling	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Larson	<input type="checkbox"/> John MacRae
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike McCloskey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trish Perna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Slothower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Wachsmith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Wedin			

### **Guests in Attendance:**

None

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

### **Previous Meeting Minutes Discussion:**

No discussion was presented for our October 7 meeting minutes. Dick motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Missy. Motion passed.

### **Agenda Items:**

**Superintendent's report - Paul Farris-** Morgan had an open house for the proposed building plans but it was not well attended. The plans are 'out there' and we are to tell the public. An item of interest is making First Street one way, east only, to alleviate traffic, drop off and pick up problems. It is being discussed with the city.

Athletic teams are doing well.

Jonathan McCloud and Jennifer Hackett will join the school board in December. In February or April voters will decide allowing two 'at large' school board members to help prevent the repeated turnover on the board.

**Treasurer's Report- Richard Wachsmith** – Richard shared a recap of ESDEF expenditures since 2002. From 2002 to 2015 it is about \$373,000.00. The district is now funding fifth grade camp and so the fund will be spent down over two years. They will pay \$15,000 each year for two years and then it will be fully funded and come out of M&O funds.

### ***Other Reports***

- 1) Correspondence** – Dick said he got the membership bill from the Chamber of Commerce. It is \$250.00 per year. He wants to put brochures there once they are updated.
- 2) Website** – Dick wanted to make sure the new website is on any brochures, tile brochures, etc. Jim said he would update the tile brochure and send it out to a couple members for review before printing.
- 3) Scholarships** - Mike McCloskey will need our help setting up and bringing cookies, etc. for Scholarship Night, tonight. He wants to reevaluate whether it should be done again. It is increasingly difficult to get the people or donors to attend and man their tables. Deb asked why people do not want to be there in person. Discussion followed. Also, the

ESDEF's Unified Scholarship Application only receives about 25 to 30 applicants each year. The history behind the event: EHS counselors started it to help get the word out about scholarships. It was stated Michael Johansen has done a tremendous job with them since, with the info on the scholarship board and sharing through electronic means.

- 4) **New Board Members Needed** – the board member numbers are once again low. Jeff will speak with Mark Larson to see if he is willing to participate. Missy spoke with Judy Musser and Rachel Caron about becoming board members.
- 5) **Fundraising** – Jeff led discussion on selecting a recipient for the February fundraiser. We all received an email which compared early learning to Caring Cupboard. Everyone appreciated Missy's detailed analysis of each.

Jeff reminded the board we are 90 days before the event and need to gain momentum.

Discussion followed with Missy saying Caring Cupboard is 'our own project' and is a good outreach. Michelle said that Molina Healthcare sponsors programs across the state which give things to empower families. She wants to empower parents who do not have the means or knowledge to prepare their children for kindergarten. She wants "high risk" parents to meet school staff early, when children are 0 to 5.

It is a 'district priority' right now, with 3 classes. They give away a book at each event since some do not have any books in their home.

Jim asked what the funding would do if 'early learning' received approximately \$10K from our fundraiser. Michelle said she could double what she was doing now, and buy the set program through a company, reaching about 40 families. Missy then questioned what she would do if the money was only one year and wondered if the families would just be dropped the next year.

Then discussion followed regarding Title I and Mike Nolan's role in the early learning. The fundraiser money could be used to hire a coordinator for the district's program. Michelle got the last 'class' of parents off Facebook. Several people questioned the process of the Early Learning Coalition. Michelle wants to bring in more families. Mike Nolan and 5 others went to Kennewick and saw this program. Right now Ellensburg has a P-3 Leadership Program. Discussion included how Head Start is limited because of income parameters.

Dick suggested Mike Nolan gives information which tells where the funds come from because it is not clear.

Then Paul suggested Title I funds were going to READY and there may be possible problems and sustaining the level of programs once they begin.

Jeff and others reminded members we have funds from the Louise Strange memorial which are earmarked for literature. Books for the 0-5 children fit that parameter.

Michelle said the Caring Cupboard is easy to grab onto, explain to everyone and would be a good recipient for the February fundraiser.

Jim brought up the recent emailed request for band 'needing' \$700,000.00 and not just 'wanting' that amount. All those in attendance discussed the matter and felt our \$10K would not even help that large amount.

Jim moved the fundraiser recipient be our own Caring Cupboard since it is far reaching and could easily grow into a larger program, thus helping more students and families. Dick seconded his motion and it passed unanimously.

Michelle wants to write up the other sources available in our county. She said some of the Caring Cupboard items could have been covered elsewhere. She said Dr. Sarah Storrs has glasses from Lions Club. She also said there are a lot of parent funds.

- 6) **Fundraiser Sign-Up Sheet** – A sheet was passed around and everyone was encouraged to help so the workload is spread out more than in past years. February 5 is the date of the event.
- 7) **Finance** – No report.
- 8) **Associate Groups** - No reports by any associate groups.

***New Business*** None

**Next meeting- December 2 - 6:45am at IHOP Restaurant**

The meeting was adjourned after delicious pancakes were consumed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Gylling, in Mary Gordon's absence