

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting • October 7, 2015 • Bar 14 • 6:45 a.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Deb Gauck, Jim Gylling, Mark Larson

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 a.m.

Guests Present: None.

Approval of October Agenda

Approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of April 1st Minutes

Approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of June 15th Retreat Minutes

Approved by unanimous consent.

Superintendent's Report

Over the summer, security was improved at all elementary schools, and all guests must now be buzzed in. The Morgan Middle School construction project is moving along well, with the design progressing and education specifications complete. There will be a progress presentation to the School Board on October 14th. The District has invested \$300-\$400,000 in technology, and are hopeful the School Board will approve a Technology Levy to run concurrently with the Maintenance and Operations Levy in February, 2016. Strategic Plan implementation is progressing, and Paul is happy to announce there have been no calls regarding transportation complaints. Paul feels it has been a great start to the school year.

Treasurer's Report

Richard provided the members reports from June, July, August and September 2015. In the unrestricted area, tile sales have been the most active area of the budget. In restricted funds, Caring Cupboard, 5th grade camp and Senior Party have had a lot of activity. All scholarships housed with the Foundation have been paid for 2015. Don May also purchased a French horn from restricted music money available.

Mary inquired on the bottom line amount available for Caring Cupboard, and Richard explained where to find that number.

Communication/Correspondence

None.

Caring Cupboard

Mary reported on a few expenditures in the last few months. There is good communication between Mary and the school counselors and administrators. Mary continues to solicit donations and realizes there are many families in need. Mary also has been asked to help coordinate the elementary lost and found items by picking up quarterly, laundering and rotating to another school.

Scholarships

Mike announced the Scholarship Fair will be held on Wednesday, November 4th and he will email the Board with areas of need for the event.

Foundation Board and Officer Elections

In absence of another willing member to fill the President position, Jeff has elected to continue as President. Bob Titus has resigned, and Mike asked that a card or letter be sent, as Bob was a charter member of the Foundation Board. Jeff will take care of this. Jeff also announced we have the capacity to add 2-3 new members to our Board. Missy is working on two possible candidates.

Retreat Follow Up

Jim provided an overview of tile sales via email as requested at the retreat. Jeff emailed a sign up list for committees for the year, and asked everyone to email him with their committee request. Jeff will work with John to come up with a rubric scoring system for our grant requests. Patti thinks the tile brochure has been updated with new contact information, but the PDF needs to be sent to Mike to add to the website. Mike will also add to the website a list of all financial gifts we've given once he receives this information from Richard. Mary has the information needed to update the Foundation brochure and will complete this project.

Fundraising

Our annual fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 5th at the KVEC. Mary is willing to chair the event, and other responsibilities were discussed. Trish was given the go ahead to purchase a new Square reader that is chip compatible. Missy has some new ideas in the games area. Mary asked for help with determining the food and bar and also the grand prize. Regarding our annual fundraiser recipient, several ideas were discussed including Caring Cupboard and the Ready Program. Paul will also ask the building Principals for ideas and send this list to Jeff by Monday, October 12th. Jeff will distribute the ideas via email so the Board can vote and planning can begin.

Meeting Venue and Time

It was decided a new venue is needed for our meetings. Ideas were discussed. Mary will look into I-Hop and Jeff will look into Copper Kettle. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday at 6:45 am.

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at 6:45 am, venue to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gordon, ESDEF Secretary