

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting • November 5, 2014 • Bar 14 • 6:45 a.m.

Board Members Present: Michelle Cawley, Missy Davis, Deb Gauck, Mary Gordon, Jim and Patti Gylling, John MacRae, Mike McCloskey, Jeff Slothower, Richard Wachsmith, Dick Wedin

Board Members Absent: Sue Connolly, Paul Farris, Mark Larson, Trish Perna, Bob Titus

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 a.m.

Guests Present: None

Approval of December 3rd Agenda

Additions- grant requests, Caring Cupboard, Senior Party

Upon a motion made by Jim and seconded by Mike, the December 3rd agenda was approved with these additions.

Approval of Minutes:

A clarification with the November, 2014 minutes: Richard stated that the \$1000 grant request for Early Learning was from an outside source and will be its own budget line under restricted funds. This did not come from the Louise Strange budget line as stated in the minutes.

With that clarification, upon a motion made by Mike and seconded by Missy, the November 2014 minutes were approved.

Superintendent's Report:

In Paul's absence, Dick reported the Middle School bond resolution has been passed and the Citizen's Committee is moving full steam ahead. Bond date is February 10th, 2015. Emphasis will be made on encouraging people to register to vote and then to actually vote when the time comes.

The Strategic Plan is on track to be adopted in January. In addition, the School Board will also have in place long range capital planning policies. Deb commented how helpful both these documents will be when looking for grant opportunities and thanked the School Board for their diligence.

Treasurer's Report:

Richard presented the financial report. We have \$6,092.00 currently in unrestricted funds. For restricted funds, receipts and disbursements centered around 5th grade camp fundraising, Caring Cupboard and the settling of some Senior Party Gorge fundraising issues.

Upon a motion by Mary and seconded by Missy, the treasurer's report was approved.

Committees:

Scholarships

The Scholarship Fair was an outstanding success with a terrific turn out and great feedback. We were a bit short on food so that can be improved next year with more help from the Foundation Board. Combining with Senior Night seems to have been successful and brought new families to the event. The Board thanked Mike and also Michael Johansen at EHS for their hard work organizing, coordinating and implementing the Scholarship Fair.

Finance-Insurance

No report.

Communications

No report.

Fund Raising

January 30th Event

Jeff clarified the KVEC contract and will get it signed and submitted. The Gyllings have the food vendor coordinated. Discussion followed on the bar and whether we should handle ourselves or bring in professionals. Jeff offered to take on the research and make a decision. Missy discussed a few changes with games to help with traffic flow. Double tickets will be offered after the program. The silent auction and pick a square will end at 7 pm giving the check out area time to work before guests begin to leave. Dinner will begin at 7. John is offering sponsorships at the following levels: Major Sponsor (4-5), \$500 (logo on promotional poster); Game Sponsor (5), \$250; and Table Sponsor (15), \$100.

Procurement forms were distributed, and Mary has extras if needed.

We will have a fundraiser meeting while stuffing invitations on Tuesday, January 6th. Time and location to be announced.

Associate Groups

We need paperwork from the 2015 Senior Party group. Insurance renewals will be mailed in April.

Grants

Discussion revolved around the grant writing training that took place on November 18th. Feedback from attendees was the following: there are many interested individuals willing to help research and write grants, and the School District is interested in exploring these opportunities. We as a Foundation Board are not qualified to go after federal grants because of their complexity. If the ESD wants to apply for a federal grant, we recommend they retain the services of a professional grant writer. Our Board can provide support. Our Foundation Board can also continue to look for smaller grant opportunities that fall within our abilities. Dick offered to continue the conversation with the School Board; Deb offered to send prospective grant opportunities their way; and Deb and Jeff offered to send an official letter to the Board stating our support and our willingness to help with grants. Discussion followed on our ability

to use some restricted funds to hire a grant writer. Richard did not think this would be a problem with our by laws or mission statement.

Mini Grant Requests

Our gift of kindles to the 5th grade teachers at Valley View was very appreciated.

Katie Kavanaugh, 4th grade teacher at Valley View, has requested \$1000 for 4 mini Ipad tablets for use in reading groups. Discussion followed. It was decided this request requires more information and was tabled.

Jeff Cochran requested funds for a mobile cart for state mandated testing. Tabled in order to obtain more detailed information on the request.

Mike discussed the panic surrounding the computer based Smarter Balanced testing, as our district is unable to be compliant based on our current technology and network limitations. As an unfunded state mandate, Deb offered to look into some grant opportunities for help.

Old Business

Caring Cupboard

This is going well. Requests are being granted as they come in. Staff members are appreciative. Mary made a presentation to the Generations group and is hopeful to see some personal donations or a donation from the group.

New Business

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7th at 6:45 am at Bar 14.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gordon, ESDEF Secretary