

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, March 5, 2014 - 6:45 am - Bar 14 Restaurant

Board Member Attendance (PT=part-time):

<input 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 Gylling and Jim (one position)	<input type="checkbox"/> Alice Jaakola	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Titus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike McCloskey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trish Perna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Slothower	<input type="checkbox"/> John MacRae	<input type="checkbox"/> Celeste Torset
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Wachsmith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Wedin		

Guests in Attendance:

None

Meeting began - 6:52 by Jeff Slothower (we waited for members to arrive – no quorum)

March meeting agenda approval: Since there were not enough members present to have a quorum we just followed the suggested agenda, knowing we could not vote on any items. (We currently have 14 members on the roster)

February minutes approval: Minutes were distributed via email following the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report – This was sent out by email by Richard. (Comments below as discussion only)

Superintendent's report – Paul Farris: Paul said the Strategic Planning process feedback from teachers and students was good. It was not good from the public. He said the district will use Thought Stream to attempt to gather public opinion.

Three portables will be showing up soon. One each at Mt. Stuart, Valley View and Morgan.

The 100th Day celebration was about ten days earlier. There were a lot of different projects at the elementary level.

The district is planning for next year.

Jim asked about the architect selection process. Jim wanted to dispel if using an existing plan is less expensive than to build a new school. Paul said the architects will look into this.

Paul said the Friday night fundraiser was incredible. He also reported that over 200 people attended the county-wide birth to age three event held the next morning.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Slothower said there are still some outstanding bills from the fundraiser. The phone bill is one.

Jim asked if we were giving \$5000.00 towards the Bookmobile. Because we did not have a quorum this agenda item was not discussed.

Jeff shared some of the potential costs for the Bookmobile.

Vinyl wrap for the sides	\$4500.00
Shelving, interior	2000-3000.00
Books	3000.00
Windshield replacement	??

We briefly spoke about the sponsorship issue which was initially a 'no' by Farley Walker. John Graf and Jeff spoke to him months ago before purchasing the van. Then Jeff met with Ben Mount and Farley. It sounds like the district will reconsider sponsorship and possible logos on the van. (Comparing it to the football stadium, reader boards, etc. which have advertising and the Pepsi logo).

There was some discussion as to the high estimates for the Bookmobile, but several board members stated we raised the additional money and have since turned it over. We can no longer expect to have input in the project, including future costs and suggestions on cost saving methods.

Dick wanted to know the amounts we raised from our fundraiser before discussing how much, if any, to give to the continuing expenses of the Bookmobile. Jeff said there was about \$5190.00 available.

Jim asked about the line item of \$11,304.00 in Technology fund. Jeff stated it is still for technology.

We also discussed the fact that the newspaper and district reported the Bookmobile was only used four times last summer. Discussion followed about the large investment and minimal use. Again, we were reminded it is not the Ed Foundation's project.

Committee Reports (still given to those present)

- 1) **Scholarships** - Mike said the Unified Application is out. He will once again scan each student's application and send it electronically to the appropriate sponsor(s). This method has worked great and doesn't involve stacks of photocopies.
- 2) **Communications** – Deborah's article about the Bookmobile was in the Daily Record. It contained research and statistics. Deborah hopes the Ed Foundation will continue to use the 'education page' as a forum. She wants us to each take a month and write up an article in our area of 'expertise' or interest. The new reporter for the Daily Record is Lauren Takores.

The school board meetings are on webcast through Channel 2. There is a link off the ESD webpage.

Dick wants us to write factual articles. Deborah said when the strategic plan is in place the knowledge base of our community will be built up. People will know the goals of the district at that time and be better educated.

- 3) **Associate Groups** – Jeff said the annual meeting is in April. He will email all groups asking them to please attend or send a representative. Dick Wedin will update the roster of associates and send it out for our review.
- 4) **Mini-Grants** – Jeff said we have only funded one this year (Mandi Laurent travelling back to the reading conference)
- 5) **Grant Writing time with Deborah** – Jeff and Deborah had proposed dates during Spring Break. We decided to go into April instead, working around spring sports and school board. We will meet Monday, April 28 from 4 to 6 pm at Scott Perna's office.

New Business Deborah again said she would like to see more sectors of the public represented on the Ed Foundation board. She feels we need more skill sets – including medical, the arts, business and CWU. She also hoped to include members of other groups. Dick represents Rotary and Mike is in Kiwanis. We discussed asking specific people personally or by phone if they would consider joining the Ed

Foundation. Deb was asking Sue Connelly; Paul, Jeff Snedeker; Jim, Mark Larson, M.D.; and someone was contacting Connie Lambert.

More discussion as to the status of the Strategic Plan followed. The board will be presenting it again to the community and asking for input via Thought Stream. Paul said parents will have to log in on a computer. Patti asked about families without computers. He said they can go use the public library.

Paul said that they are still asking the question “what is the best way to communicate?” but CWU says it is through a web page. They are trying to communicate with parents. Trish said her second grade daughter brought home a very small slip of paper in her back pack regarding communication.

Deborah wanted to know if the schools had email lists for the students. Patti said she had asked this many times and was always told it is just too difficult and the schools don’t have the staff to make the lists. Deborah said it would take volunteer parents a day or so to compile all the lists since they are on the contact information forms that each student gets at the beginning of the year.

Jeff said that some teachers use Remind 101 to let parents and students know about upcoming tests, assignment deadlines, etc.

Jim gave his technology update. He has been volunteering his consulting services to help guide the district, tech representatives, teachers and the tech committee into creating a plan. He has visited all schools and analyzed the current system. The next step is how to implement WiFi. The district is changing network and fiber carriers and will have new connections. There is a long laundry list of problems. Jim has been categorizing them and getting prices. Everything is then discussed and prioritized. The tech committee will be giving a one hour tech report to the school board. Later Jim will present his findings to the school board.

Next meeting, Wednesday, April 2 - 6:45 am at Bar 14 Restaurant

Minutes of the monthly meeting submitted by Patti Gylling, Secretary
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