

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation
Meeting Minutes
4/11/02

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at Washington School by Dick Wedin.

Present were: Connie Dunnington, Rebecca Bowers, Doug Murphy, Virginia Korté, John MacRae, Paul Jewel, Dick Wedin, Mike McCloskey, Gretta Merwin, Jerry Harris.

Welcome Associates: Gayle Barry, EHS Booster Club; Marlene Pfeifer, Morgan Parent Group; Adrienne Zimny, Mt, Stuart Parent Group. Dick shared our desire to work with the parent groups.

Minutes:

Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasury:

Dick shared that we have about \$185 in our checking account and bills of over \$200. There have been two golf ball drop deposits totaling \$870 plus the carry-over of previous drops of \$1500.

Allocations Committee:

Jerry contacted seven comparable districts who have all been very helpful. Advice given included:

- Expect a three-year start-up period before the foundation becomes active and solvent.
- Only Yelm participated in the Washington State Dollars for Scholars state match program.
- Each group doles out their money differently, but it was recommended that we not follow the Mercer Island model.
- North Thurston has a good plan to look at.
- Most districts have a learning improvement grant of \$200.
- Sedro Wooley did a pavers project like we are considering. They would be happy to speak to our group.

Grants and Scholarships:

No report.

Finance:

No report.

Fundraising:

Paul shared a cost-analysis for our 12k for K-12 Run/Walk. The event will be Sept. 21.

- EMT will probably need to be involved
- We may need to adjust starting time to avoid football and soccer
- Paul will contact Rebecca for CWU involvement
- Concern was expressed as that is "move-in" day for CWU

Nominating:

No report.

Public Information:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- CASE training. Rebecca investigated and found it to be too expensive. She suggests we bring in Jen Grey of CWU as she has been through the training and would be able to provide the same information. Rebecca will let us know when.
- Mr. Rogers' assistant, Hedda Sharapan, will be at Central on Oct. 10-11. On Thursday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m., she will be making a presentation to the public. A free-will donation will be taken at the event. CWU will retain one-half the donation and will donate the remaining half to the foundation. A VERY generous offer!
- Gretta obtained a legal opinion regarding the possibility of selling paving stones at the new high school with the proceeds going to the foundation. The attorney indicates that it would be legal and he would be willing to help us draft any legal documents necessary. Bricks are inexpensive and can bring a large profit. The construction team is aware of our desires.
- No report from sources of grants.
- Mike shared a brief golf ball drop update. April 19. Tickets are on sale and we have received the license.
- Dick reminded folks of the Albertsons Community Partner program. A percent of each sale goes to the organization noted.
- It was suggested that we develop alumni lists. It was agreed.
- Further discussion of the logo ensued. Dick will talk to Barb Goll-DeWitt to share that we appreciated the kids' efforts, but didn't like any of the first round proposals as they were too cutesy and we were looking for professional. The new idea is to use a Pickeral print or similar of the old Washington School. Mike will get a picture to Dick.

NEW BUSINESS:

Needs Assessment:

- Mike dropped the ball and didn't do his part. He did share that mini-grants have been popular in the past.
- Gayle visited with Rick Unruh and shared a comprehensive list.
- Marlene shared needs for more education and motivational assemblies, and anti-bullying presentations at Morgan
- Adrienne spoke in favor of greater partnerships with CWU and their facilities and greater tech support for schools. She also shared Sue Briggs' vision of reading baskets for newborns and publishing materials.

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- Adrienne asked if the foundation could partner with parent groups for more manpower in fund-raisers.
- Doug suggested that we invite someone from law enforcement to be in our group.
- Rebecca shared that her vision of a Reading Center is in progress. She is currently looking for funding sources. The center would operate on a sliding scale for fees for services. CWU students would assess students and develop a remediation plan then work with the students and their teachers.
- Rebecca also shared a planned conversation between ESD 105 and CWU to discuss how meaning partnerships can be developed.

Next Meeting:

- Our next meeting will be May 9 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. McCloskey
Secretary