



Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2011

Bar 14 Restaurant ● 7 am

Board Members Present: Cathy Bambrick, Missy Davis, Connie Dunnington, Paul Farris, Mary Gordon, Kelley Quirk, Jeff Slothower, Bob Titus, Richard Wachsmith, Dick Wedin

Board Members Absent: Kathleen Beach, David Bowen, John MacRae, Mike McCloskey, Celeste Torset

Guests Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 a.m. by President Cathy Bambrick at the Bar 14 Restaurant.

Approval of Minutes

January 2010 minutes were presented. Upon a motion by Jeff and seconded by Kelley, the January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Richard presented the treasurer's report for the period ending January 2011. There was no significant activity during the month of January. There has been no 5th grade camp financial activity but fundraisers will begin soon under the leadership of Becca Johnston, 5th grade parent at Lincoln. There was a small donation to the Lillquist scholarship and also some tile sales. Upon a motion by Mary and seconded by Connie, the January treasurer's report was approved.

Foundation Associate Group Report

No report.

Superintendent's Report

Paul reported that ALSC, an architect firm from Spokane, has been selected as the firm to design the new middle school. Paul will begin negotiations with them to determine the contract. All architect firms interviewed were asked to address water concerns, costs, the performing arts issue, and how both the community and staff will be able to participate in the early design stages to create a school that meets the needs of the community. Appraisers are currently working on valuations for potential physical sites selected by the School Board for the new school. Under state law, they are only able to offer fair market value on a piece of property.

Correspondence

Dana Hamilton sent the Foundation a note to thank us for our help with the EHS Scholarship Fair, and the Chamber of Commerce membership letter was reviewed.

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Committee Reports

Associates

Members: Lead: Dick Wedin, Connie Dunnington, Kelley Quirk

Report: None

Communications

Members: Lead: Celeste Torset, Mary Gordon, Mike McCloskey

Report: None

Finance-Insurance

Members: Lead: Dick Wedin, John MacRae, Bob Titus, Richard Wachsmith

Report: None

Fundraising

Members: Lead: Mary Gordon, Cathy Bambrick, Connie Dunnington, Kelley Quirk, Celeste Torset

Report: The Morgan computer lab purchased by the district was discussed. Paul gave the history of the purchase and the mandates handed down from the state regarding standardized testing requiring computers beginning in 2012. Funding from the M&O levy was used to complete the lab. Discussion followed regarding the need for communication between the district and the Foundation. There will be an attempt to use the new lab as a strong public relations plug at the upcoming fundraiser to show the event attendees the district and the Foundation are working together.

Richard discussed the need to carefully word our fundraiser thank you letters. We can't confirm value on any donated items so should not state value in the letters. A sentence can be added letting donors know to keep receipts for tax purposes.

Grants

Members: Lead: Cathy Bambrick, Bob Titus

Report: Toni Hobbs, Lincoln librarian, is researching a satellite, traveling program for 4th and 5th graders to learn keyboarding skills. EHS librarians report that the computer lab in the library needs replacing. The Lincoln parking lots need work. Paul has some additional information in his office that he will forward to Celeste to send out to the Board.

Nominating Committee

Members: Lead: John MacRae

Report: It was discussed that our current officers, voted on in August, were not listed in the August minutes. Bob moved and Kelley seconded to amend the August, 2010 minutes to reflect the vote on

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the new officers. Carried.

EHS Scholarship Committee

Members: Mike McCloskey, Lead; Mary Gordon, Bob Titus

Report: None.

New Business:

PEO request: Mary Emmons has requested a member of the Foundation speak at a PEO meeting on May 12th at 7 pm. Cathy Bambrick will coordinate this request.

Old Business:

None.

Other Business:

The ESDEF Board member designated to represent the foundation at the Chamber meetings is no longer a member. Bob attends all Chamber meetings so he offered to represent the Foundation at those meetings.

Dick began a discussion on bringing Junior Achievement to Ellensburg and the benefits to the students and the community. Ideas followed on how the Foundation might help with that process to bring community members into the schools. Paul agreed on the merits of the Junior Achievement program, but felt school district staff members are not able to take on another new program at this time due to other time requirements with curriculum, testing and educational mandates.

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 2, 2011 at 7:00 am at Bar 14.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gordon
ESDEF Secretary

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