

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - 6:45am – IHOP Restaurant

Board Member attendance:

Curtis Bull	Lowell Murphree (absent)	Staci Sleigh-Layman
Michele Cawley (absent)	Mike Nollan	Jeff Slothower
Deborah Gauck	Noreen Norfleet	Dick Wedin
Mary Gordon	Brandon Robertson	
Linda Graf	Maureen Rust	
Mike McCloskey		

Meeting was called to order - 6:45 am by President Mike McCloskey

Minutes approval

Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes, Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report (Dick Wedin)

- September balances: \$25,603.03
- Money Market: \$49,272.04
- Unrestricted: \$14,937.34
- Total restricted: \$132,260.79
- Restricted account: \$60,128.73
- Edward Jones: \$73,020.03
- Income \$887.97 - work done by the Gorge

Mary appreciated reports that reflects gifting history.

Superintendent's report (Mike Nollan)

- Interesting start to the new year (smoke delay), still figuring out how to make that up
- Air quality now good
- Teachers/classified staff back Tuesday. Positive welcome back for staff.
- Morgan open; working well. Still in process – 9 months to completion. Finishing first phase. Auditorium, gym, classrooms good.
- Kindness initiative – projects throughout district. Based on the book *Wonder* by RJ Palacio. Whole-school read for many schools. Community wide kindness theme.
- Superintendent search underway. Developing criteria in preparation for posting position. Community forums in January. Goal, July 1 start date.
- Levy in February still TBD based upon legislature.
- Facilities: survey out by next week. 2019 bond for managing elementary school overcrowding.
- Enrollment high – 560-600 at Valley View. 400 desirable. Classrooms approaching 30.

School board elections upcoming with one position to fill.

Mike M. noted it was his 34th school opening. Best opening day ceremony this year. Dick – Ellensburg gridiron club added to ESDEF insurance for fundraising activities (football

parent group). Premium has not increased in past several years. Discussion re school fundraising groups and ensuring tax rules are being followed (Mike N.)

Progress on goals: Mike reviewed the year ahead.

- Welcome Back Activities (Sept.)
- Communication with District/Staff (Sept.)
- Website Update (October) – look at website before next meeting and make recommendations at next meeting.
- Supporting At-Risk Kids – Homeless, Hispanic, etc. (November)
- Mini-Grant Awards (December) Mike has reviewed mini-grant opportunities with staff and will again
- Meet with School Board (January)
- Long-range planning – Align with District Strategic Plan (February) Current strategic plan being extended pending arrival of new superintendent in July
- Exposing Kids to Books/Reading (March)
- Annual Meeting (April)
- Engaging Students [NEW PRESIDENT] (May)

New Business:

- Welcome Back Activities (Sept.) Wait a few weeks to put water bottles or candy bar in teachers' mailboxes. Committee: Linda, Mary, Noreen (delivery). Last week of September.
- Communication with District/Staff (Sept.) Email re mini-grants now from Mike M., reminder when candy goes into mailbox. Deb – willing to do grant writing training in time to apply to mini-grant. Add that to communication – assemble list and then determine date. Scholarship fair – early October. Save the date for fundraiser.
- Thank yous for Gyllings and Trish: Dick - Apple awards \$50. Recommends an Apple award for anyone who has served their time to the board. Mary made a motion that anyone serving one term or longer receives an Apple award when they step down, Jeff seconded. Motion passed. Mary will check to see if they will help with fundraiser.
- Superbowl kickoff – Mary handout
 - Who is the beneficiary? Once identified, Mary will make form and auction items can start soliciting auction items. Mary's suggestion: fold funds back into EF, promoting what we do on the night (mini-grants, other grants). Less need now for specific projects.
 - Ticket sales
 - Get on KCVE calendar?
 - Food & bar – get started. Willing to go with Pasta Co. \$20/person (will bring liquor permit)
 - Security – look for cheaper alternative
 - Sponsorships – goal of \$2000
 - Goal of heightened awareness of ESDEF in community
- Tile Sales: Mike's finding alternative options. Stay tuned. Will end soon when we run out of tiles.
- Potential board members: Jenny Carkner (Edward Jones), Tor Blaisdel (CWU vocal teacher). Meeting invites will be extended to both (Dick – Jenny, Mike M. – Tor)

Dick requested copies of information for soliciting projects from last year. Let Mary know when tasks are accomplished.

- Mary – with loss of Trish, need a person to distribute ESDEF materials, help receive \$\$ for ticket sales.

Other Business:

- Heath Survey KVH Community Health Assessment: Deb will convey the board's input regarding the KVH community health survey.

The meeting was adjourned by President Mike McCloskey at 7:45am. The next regular meeting of the ESDEF is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 6:45am, IHOP Restaurant.

Submitted by Maureen Rust, Secretary