

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, January 3, 2018 - 6:45am – IHOP Restaurant

Board Member attendance:

Michele Cawley	Mike Nollan	Amy Cziske (guest)
Deborah Gauck	Noreen Norfleet	
Mary Gordon	Maureen Rust	Absent:
Linda Graf	Jeff Slothower	Brandon Robertson
Mike McCloskey	Dick Wedin	Stacy Sleigh-Layman
Lowell Murphree	Tor Blaisdel	

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 am by President Mike McCloskey. Introductions were made to guest Amy Cziske. Amy is a local resident, parent of two, who works for the county. She has held public relations positions in the past, and served on the West Valley School District advisory board. She has experience in school district work, including foundations, and she likes working with schools.

Minutes approval

Dick made a motion to accept the minutes from November and December, 2017. Lowell seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report (Dick Wedin)

November and December reports are coming. Current balances:

- Checking \$25,266.32
- Money Market \$49,288.01
- Unrestricted \$17,123.84

Fundraiser sponsorships totaling \$4200 have been committed to; \$3500 received to date. Dick is preparing the 2017 final report.

Superintendent's report (Mike Nollan)

- Morgan Middle School renovation is moving along. The west wings should be completed by April 30; main gym by end of January.
- There will be a replacement levy vote in early February.
- Superintendent search: Today is the last day to submit an application. Community member input is welcome, including participation in the first-round interviews.

Several lauded Mike for his regular school district columns in the Daily Record.

Communications/Correspondence

- Dick circulated a holiday greeting from the Chamber of Commerce.
- Several reported receiving thank-you correspondence from the 2017 mini-grant recipients.

Progress on goals:

- ~~Welcome Back Activities (Sept.)~~
- ~~Communication with District/Staff (Sept.)~~
- Website Update (October) in progress
- Supporting At-Risk Kids – Homeless, Hispanic, etc. (November) in progress
- ~~Mini Grant Awards (December)~~

- Meet with School Board (January) Mike M. has requested a dinner meeting with the school board
- Long-range planning – Align with District Strategic Plan (February)
- Exposing Kids to Books/Reading (March)
- Annual Meeting (April)
- Engaging Students [NEW PRESIDENT] (May)

Caring Cupboard (Mary Gordon)

School counselors seem comfortable reaching out and making recommendations. There has been an influx of band uniforms and cold weather clothing, which were distributed. Mary noted the willingness of the community to pitch in, and is working on improving the coordination of appeals and distribution to students who benefit from this support.

Superbowl Kickoff (Mary Gordon)

Mary distributed assignments leading up to and on the day. She asked individuals to contact her directly if they have an assignment they'd like to change. She also asks board members to buy their tickets ASAP, invite friends and families, and to assure the RSVP cards are completed and submitted, as they are her source of contact and silent auction information.

Silent auction items can be brought to Mary ahead of time or on the day. Auction forms should be submitted to Mary ASAP for creation of bid sheets.

The Silent Auction solicitation roster and the poster posting list were circulated for sign-ups. Posters are to be hung by January 12 and removed by February 6.

All can assist with promotion by re-posting the flyer on social media.

Old Business

- Ellensburg Youth Awards: Mike M. presented the idea to the Superintendent's advisory board and received enthusiastic support.
- Website RFP: Jeff will bring to February meeting.
- Mini-Grant debrief: Overall favorable comments regarding new procedure. Deb asked if we should consider two grant cycles: Fall and Spring. Michelle mentioned a few tweaks to the application wording. Mike will put both items on a future agenda for discussion.
- Mary suggested having a group photo taken by a professional photographer for use in promotional materials/website.
- Dick will include wording in the umbrella group renewal letter regarding insurance coverage with the exception of serving alcohol at events, and sports liabilities.

New Business

- Website renewal: Mike M. has renewed the current agreement for three years.
- Grant writing: Congratulations to Deb Gauck in her new position as school district grant writer.
- Mike M. will contact the board regarding Amy Cziske's nomination.

The meeting was adjourned by President Mike McCloskey at 7:56 am. The next regular

meeting of the ESDEF is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 6:45am, IHOP Restaurant.

Submitted by Maureen Rust, Secretary