

## **Ellensburg School District Education Foundation**

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, February 7, 2018 - 6:45am – IHOP Restaurant

### **Board Member attendance:**

Michele Cawley	Lowell Murphree	Dick Wedin
Amy Cziske	Mike Nollan	
Deborah Gauck	Noreen Norfleet	Absent:
Mary Gordon	Maureen Rust	Tor Blaisdell
Linda Graf	Dan Shissler	Stacy Sleigh-Layman
Mike McCloskey	Jeff Slothower	

**Meeting was called to order at 6:45 am by President Mike McCloskey.** The board welcomed Amy Cziske, who was elected via email vote, and Dan Shissler, who represents the School Board.

### **Minutes approval**

Amy noted she works for the county, not the City of Ellensburg. Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes from January 3, 2018 as corrected. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's report (Dick Wedin)**

Super Bowl Warm-Up bills are still coming in. There was discussion about the Chamber charging a surcharge for tickets sold from their office. Dick is waiting for statements in order to reconcile the accounts. Mini-grants are in the process of being paid out.

### **Superintendent's report (Mike Nollan)**

- Levy ballots are in the mail and due Tuesday, February 13. 20% of registered voters have returned their ballots to date. 50% + 1 are required for success.
- Acquisition of property – the school district is in negotiations with CWU on property north of the campus.
- City Council is researching Lincoln Elementary as a community center. It will go to an architect for a renovation estimate. Other proposed projects include renovations of Mt. Stuart Elementary School and the new project on Helena Street.
- Superintendent search – Great progress. 70 citizens attended and commented on the recent interviews of the final five. The field is now narrowed to three candidates who have been holding open forums and also live-streamed. They are on track to have the new superintendent in place by July 1.

### **Communications/Correspondence**

- Mike M. circulated a Thank You note from Jennifer Johnson for the Mt. Stuart Eagle Box giveaway.

### **Progress on goals:**

- ~~Welcome Back Activities (Sept.)~~
- ~~Communication with District/Staff (Sept.)~~
- Website Update (October) in progress (see in Old Business)
- 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)**

Mary reported the cupboard has been quiet in January, and will now start soliciting spring items. Student intern Daisy Perez is writing a story about Caring Cupboard for the Daily Record. Tara Brown may start a similar program in Kittitas.

### **Superbowl Debrief (Mary Gordon)**

Mary estimates the fundraiser netted approximately \$14,500 and received appreciative applause from the board for her efforts. She also handed out thank you notes for distribution by board members. Mary welcomes feedback and would like to discuss potential changes to the fundraiser at the summer retreat.

### **Old Business**

- Website RFP (Jeff Slothower) The following recommendations were made to the draft:
  - Omit the line referring to a budget for the website overhaul
  - Request a portal for board members only to access records, files, etc.
  - Link it to the district homepage
  - Set a March 1st deadline for proposals.
 Jeff will update the RFP and send it out to local and regional web designers. Mary noted a board member will need to commit to updating the webpage.
- Meeting with the School Board (Mike Nollan) is on the docket for March.

### **New Business**

- It is noted that an additional mini-grant application has been considered and approved by the board subsequent to the December 6, 2018 meeting. A grant in the amount of \$50 was awarded to Karen Collington-Foley for the purchase of a scale for her classroom.
- The board agreed to hold off on Long Range Planning until next fall, once the new superintendent is in place and has had a chance to acclimate.
- A new \$500 scholarship has been established by the Kittitas County Medical Society and added to the unified scholarship program overseen by the ESDEF.
- The estate of former EHS graduate and (non-unified) scholarship sponsor Edwin “Sandy” Storms recently notified the ESDEF of a generous bequeathal in the amount of \$840,000. Dick and Jeff are working on behalf of ESDEF with the school district and the trust to invest the bequeathal and create a scholarship funded by investment returns.
- The unified scholarship application forms are now available on the website.
- Noreen and Amy volunteered to serve on the 2018-19 officer nominating committee.
- The Annual Meeting will be held at the Palace Café on Wednesday, April 4, at 6:45 a.m. It is attended by building administrators and all ESDEF umbrella groups. Mike M. and Amy will work on invitations, including to mini grant recipients.

### **Other Business**

- Noreen, Maureen, and Brandon will work with Dick to audit the financial books

sometime in March/April.

- A Go Fund Me account proposal by a local educator led to discussion about other methods for raising money online. Mike will put it on the retreat agenda.

The meeting was adjourned 7:50 am. The next regular meeting of the ESDEF is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 6:45am, IHOP Restaurant.

Submitted by Maureen Rust, Secretary