

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

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

Board Member attendance:

Michele Cawley	Maureen Rust	Guests: Members of the Mt. Stuart Robotics team and their families Jason Eng, Robotics advisor
Tor Blaisdell	Dan Shissler	
Amy Cziske	Dick Wedin	
Deborah Gauck		
Mary Gordon	Absent:	
Mike McCloskey	Linda Graf	
Lowell Murphree	Noreen Norfleet	
Mike Nollan	Stacy Sleigh-Layman	
Brandon Robertson	Jeff Slothower	

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 a.m. by President Mike McCloskey. Members of the Mt. Stuart Elementary School Robotics team joined the meeting to present information about their upcoming trip to the World Championships in Kentucky. Three teams qualified to go, and they are raising money to help offset their travel and registration expenses.

Minutes approval

Mary made a motion to accept the minutes from February 7, 2018. Michele seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report (Dick Wedin)

Dick is still receiving money for the Superbowl Warm-Up and estimates total gross income around \$21,000. Mary estimates \$5,000 in expenses, leaving a net of approximately \$16,000.

The current balance in the money market account is \$49,298.89 and the current balance in the checking account is \$23,321.94.

Superintendent's report (Mike Nollan)

- The levy passed.
- Jinger Haberer is the new superintendent, and she starts on July 1, 2018.
- The school board is putting together a new bond package for the elementary school facilities renovations and construction.
- The district has launched a podcast to increase methods of communication with the public, accessible from the district website: Community>Ellensburg Social Media.
- The school board is setting priorities for next year.
- Kudos to all involved in the recent high school musical, Beauty and the Beast. Mike noted the impressive talent and leadership exhibited.
- He invited everyone to the evening performance to Treasure Island at Mt. Stuart School.
- A community forum on school safety is scheduled for March 27 at 6pm.

Mike McCloskey noted that on March 15, high school students will voice their thoughts on school safety at City Hall.

Communications/Correspondence

- Dick has received thank you notes for the recently awarded mini-grants.

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 expenditures of approximately \$400 for February, mainly on winter items for new families in need.

Old Business

- Website RFP Jeff has received four proposals and had additional conversations regarding the website RFP. He will report on these at the next meeting. Mary noted this is a good time to brand the foundation, including creating a logo. Mike added branding to next month's agenda.
- Meeting with the School Board (Mike Nollan) Mike will discuss at the board's meeting next Monday.
- Nominating Committee (Noreen) All current officers have agreed to continue their roles for the 2018-19 academic year. Despite three calls for nominations, there were no other nominations put forth for the offices. The officers for 2018-19 are:
 - President: Mike McCloskey
 - Vice President: Michele Cawley
 - Treasurer: Dick Wedin
 - Secretary: Maureen RustFor suggested assigning liaisons to the school parent groups. Mike will add to retreat agenda.
- Annual Meeting The annual meeting is scheduled for 6:45 a.m. at the Palace Café on April 4, 2018. The Gyllings and Trish Perna will be invited to attend and receive apple awards for their service to the Foundation.

New Business

- Recovery School Mini-grant Michele presented an application for a mini-grant. Two educators are attending training to learn more about developing a Recovery School (providing substance abuse treatment and sober space) and seek to offset their expenses. The board had concerns about sending conflicting messages by accepting late applications. Dick Wedin suggested the district should help with the expenses. Mike Nollan agreed and will look into funding the training. Mike will add reconsideration of the mini-grant application procedures to the summer retreat agenda. Lowell made a motion to refer the request to the school district for

consideration. Michele seconded. Motion passed.

- Update on the Storms Scholarship/School Board presentation Dick will set up a meeting with Jeff, Brian, Mike, Brandon and Johanssen (?) to plan the scholarship presentation.
- Action on updated/revised investment Policy Dick and Brandon have reviewed the ESDEF Investment Policy and submitted small changes to bring it into compliance with Edward Jones standards. Mary Gordon moved to accept the changes; Maureen Rust seconded. Motion passed.
- Money Market account: In order to realize a greater return, Dick and Brandon recommend reinvesting the money market account as follows: \$20,000 into an account readily accessible for expenses; \$20,000 into a one-year CD, and \$25,000 into equity investments. Deb Gauck made a motion to reallocate investments for an increased rate of return as recommended by Dick and Brandon. Dick seconded. Motion passed.

Other business

- Dick proposed consolidating restricted accounts by moving technology and literacy allocations into the mini-grants column. Due to time constraints, Mike will add this to the next meeting agenda.
- Robotics request: Following discussion, Dick Wedin moved to grant \$500 provided the Mt. Stuart parent group matches the amount. Michele Cawley seconded; motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m. The annual meeting of the ESDEF is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 6:45am, Palace Café. The next regular meeting of the ESDEF is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, at 6:45 a.m., iHop restaurant.

Submitted by Maureen Rust, Secretary