

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, October 3, 2018 - 6:45am – Palace Café

In attendance

Tor Blaisdell
Amy Cziske
Deborah Gauck
Jinger Haberer
Mike McCloskey

Brandon Robertson
Maureen Rust
Dan Shissler
Dick Wedin

Absent

Michelle Cawley
Mary Gordon
Kirk Holmes
Lowell Murphree
Noreen Norfleet

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

Minutes approval

Amy made a motion to accept the minutes, Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report (Dick)

Account balances:

Checking	\$33,211.86
Money Mkt	\$0
Unrestricted	\$32,424.71
Restricted	\$52,655.18
Edward Jones	\$1,006,343.84

Dick will send out the scholarship report later this month.

Superintendent's report (Jinger)

- Three grants have been awarded, one for mental health initiatives and two for safety.
- An SSO (Site Security Officer) has been hired. He will cover the middle school and elementary schools. His focus will be on safety education. The schools are also using table topics for crisis team training, including responses to scenarios.
- An \$800,000 request has moved forward in the governor's capital budget.
- The school district is developing alternative career pathways for middle and high school students.
- The district is also developing STEM pathway teaching (for instance, coding in the elementary schools). Jinger noted the high school now has a dedicated Computer Science teacher and is offering both regular and AP Computer Science classes.
- The peer mediator program is being reintroduced at the schools, as well as "restorative practices" to train students to solve conflict with dialog.
- An official middle school open house is scheduled for October 29.
- The district is exploring alternative learning environments similar to Discovery Lab, and also looking into ways to serve the homeschooling community.

Correspondence

Several letters of thanks have been received from 2018 mini-grant recipients.

Committee Reports/Activities:

- Mini-grants (Michelle): Applications are starting to arrive.
- Superbowl Kickoff (Mary): Updates next meeting

- Communications (Kirk): Kirk is interested in developing a Facebook page for the foundation. All were supportive.
- Caring Cupboard (Mary): Updates next meeting
- Scholarships (Mike): The scholarship fair is scheduled for October 24, 6:00-6:30.
- Mailing lists (Noreen): Noreen is looking into management software. All are asked to peruse the current list and send her updates.
- Tile Wall (Lowell): Lowell has located a new engraver. Updates next meeting
- Parent/Umbrella Groups (Maureen & Tor): Maureen and Tor will get contact information for parent groups and set a schedule for checking in.
- Nominating committee (Brandon): Brandon reminded all to send him the names of three potential board members. If needed, he will consider posting an all-call on social media and local media outlets.
- Kittitas County Youth Awards (Mike): Request for youth award nominations will be coming out shortly.
- Website (Mary): Mary is continuing to work on refining the new website with the graphic designer.
- Bylaws and Mission Statement Updates (Amy): Amy will bring revision suggestions to the next meeting.
- Grant writing (Deb): A mini-grant writing workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 4-5:30pm **in the school district conference room**.

Old Business

- Senior Party (Dick): Dick will meet with the Senior Party officers (who change every year). He suggests we continue to allow them to use the umbrella policy on a year by year basis. In light of the Booster Club disbanding, Dick recommends considering charging all umbrella clubs a flat fee and having them run all the funds through the ASB. Mike will put this on the November agenda.
- Open House (Amy): Amy thanked all who tabled on the ESDEF's behalf at the school fall open houses.

New Business

- Resignation – Jeff Slothower: The board reluctantly accepted Jeff Slothower's resignation from the board. Deb made a motion to order a commemorative apple award; Brandon seconded. Motion passed. The award will be given at the Superbowl Fundraiser in February.
- Grants progress (Deb): Deb provided additional information regarding the grants recently awarded for Mental Health Awareness Training (\$375,000), STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training (\$150,000), and STOP School Violence Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting (\$150,000). She also noted that the \$800,000 ask to the Governor's capital budget, which has moved forward, is to fund Early Learning Facilities K-12. If successful, this will fund a 6400 sq. ft. early learning facility and a 12,000 sq. ft. playground with provisions for students with special needs.

The meeting was adjourned by President Mike McCloskey at 7:45am. The next regular meeting of the ESDEF is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 6:45am, Palace Café.

Submitted by Maureen Rust, Secretary