

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - 6:45am – Palace Café

Board Member attendance:

Michele Cawley

Jesus Baldovinos (absent)

Tor Blaisdel

Tara Brown (absent)

Amy Cziske (absent)

Deborah Gauck (absent)

Mary Gordon

Jinger Haberer

Kirk Holmes (absent, resigned)

Cara Marrs (absent)

Mike McCloskey

Lowell Murphree

Noreen Norfleet (absent)

Brandon Robertson

Maureen Rust

Dan Shissler (absent)

Dick Wedin

Guest attendance: None.

Meeting was called to order - 7:47 am by President Tor Blaisdell.

The minutes from the June and September 2019 meetings and the strategic planning retreats were approved as read.

President's Report:

Communications/Correspondence: Due to work obligations and time restraints, Kirk Holmes has resigned from the board.

Treasurer's report:

Dick introduced Madeline deMaintenon, our new accountant from Grebb, Johnson, Reed and Wachsmith.

Balances as of September 10, 2019:

- Checking \$31,033.09
- Unrestricted \$44,559.44
- Restricted \$37,091.25
- Edward Jones \$989,285.35
- Storms fund \$19,150.00

The Smithson money arrived (\$4000 of \$16,000 awarded). **Motion: Tor moved we charge a 1% service fee on scholarship monies gifted on new scholarships going forward. Miked seconded and discussion followed. After much discussion on the ramifications, the motion failed.**

Superintendent's Report:

Jinger reported the new website is up and running, with other building roll outs coming soon. Community outreach meetings regarding the new school bond have been well attended with much feedback and discussion. The district is offering a training on October 26th for teachers to learn how to incorporate outdoor education across all curriculum areas; discussion followed on ways to get more involvement. Dick asked Jinger to proceed with caution as discussions proceed regarding the bond issue with the two new schools, and discussion followed regarding ways for Jinger to reach more stake holders in the community who may have concerns regarding transparency. Jinger currently has three goals in the process- keep the project at projected cost, house 500 students in each new building, and get all matters discussed in writing. Jinger continues to meet with the City of Ellensburg to discuss options and solutions.

Committee Reports

Mini Grants:

Updated forms are on the website. Mary will send out to key board members involved for further review. Email acceptance of applications will be added this year.

Super Bowl Warm-up:

Please continue to solicit silent auction items. Maureen will look into renting a larger screen from CWU for the event. Mary and Cara will stuff staff mail boxes with a treat and note with reminders for Grant Training (Oct 18), grant application deadline (Nov 1) and Super Bowl Warm Up (Jan 31).

Communication/PR:

No report.

Caring Cupboard:

Due to time constraints, no report.

Scholarships:

Scholarship Fair was well attended by students and parents, but the ESDEF board was lacking in presence and participation. Mike suggested we drop our name as a co sponsor. After much discussion, suggestions were made to improve our participation next year. **Motion: Mary moved we allocate up to \$200 for treats and bottled water for the 2020 Scholarship Fair. Tor seconded. Motion carried.**

Mailing Lists:

No report.

Tile Wall:

No report.

Parent/Umbrella Group Liaison:

No report.

Nominating Committee:

No report.

Kittitas County Youth Awards:

No report.

Bylaws/Mission Statement Development:

No report.

Grant Writing:

Training October 18th from 4-5:30 in the ESD conference room. Lowell and Deb to lead. Jinger will send out an all staff email.

Cross Training:

Mary emailed board members who need to cross train, subject tabled.

Website Update:

Due to time constraints, no report.

Professional Development:

No report.

Old Business:

Letterhead order- **Motion: Mary moved to spend up at \$550 on 1000 sheets of letterhead and 100 envelopes. Tor seconded. Motion carried.**

New Business:

Suggestion to give more decision making power to Executive Committee and perhaps enlarging it.
Concern over large number of ESDEF email
Not discussed due to time constraints.

Other: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6 at 6:45 a.m. at the Palace Café.

Submitted by Mary Gordon, stepping in for Deb Gauck