

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

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

Board Member attendance:

Michele Cawley

Jesus Baldovinos (absent)

Tor Blaisdel

Tara Brown (excused)

Amy Cziske (excused)

Deborah Gauck

Mary Gordon

Jinger Haberer

Cara Marrs

Mike McCloskey (excused)

Lowell Murphree

Noreen Norfleet (excused)

Brandon Robertson

Maureen Rust

Dan Shissler

Dick Wedin

Guest attendance: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 am by President Tor Blaisdell. Lowell moved to approve the October 2 minutes, Michele seconded, motion passed unanimously. Board members should notify Tor if they will be absent before meetings so they can be marked as excused in the minutes. Amy, Mike, and Noreen notified Tor of their absences for the November 6 meeting.

Christine Roux, English Department Head, emailed Dick to ask if the ESDEF could receive funds on behalf of the EHS journalism program and pass them through to an appropriate ASB account. Some donors will not contribute to an ASB account because the ESD is not a 501(c)3. Dick asked Richard Wachsmith about this; he did not have any concerns as long as the ESD receives and administers the funds. Mary moved to approve this arrangement, Michele seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

Balances as of October 14:

- Checking: \$34,060.20
- Unrestricted: \$46,408.53
- Restricted: \$33,269.70
- Edward Jones: \$993,285.35
- Storms fund: \$19,150.00

Dick reported that Grebb, Johnson, Reed, and Wachsmith will provide monthly Treasurer's reports beginning December. All accounting procedures (i.e., internal controls) will remain the same.

Superintendent's Report:

Jinger recognized Dick for leading ESDEF accounting and Mary for leading Caring Cupboard.

Jinger will share draft Board Ends with principals, teachers, ESD Board members, and community members; goals include strong academic and career skills, global citizenry, strong connections to school and community, and developing empathy. Dick asked if Board Ends were the same as a strategic plan and recommended that strategies include early learning and are measurable. Jinger said Board Ends are visionary policy and governance statements and include early learning and early literacy goals.

Regarding the bond, Jinger reported that the City has adjusted the lot line and reduced the expense of developing Helena Avenue, so the ESD will proceed with constructing a new elementary school at the north end of property. The ESD will construct the new Mt. Stuart Elementary School first, then the new elementary school, then renovate Lincoln Elementary School. The ESD will mitigate the wetlands and may develop a recreation area on the property.

Jinger invited ESDEF Board members to join in ESD Veteran's Day celebrations; Alice Nelson from Youth Services of Kittitas County will speak. The fall play is going well and winter musical auditions are coming up. Tor said there are community reports that Morgan Middle School is at/over capacity; Jinger replied that it's close to being at capacity.

Communications/Correspondence: No report.

Committee Reports

Mini Grants: Michele reported that the ESDEF received 11 applications, one of which was from a student, compared to 18 applications last year. Requests totaled \$15K; not as many schools participated this year. Michele assigned applications to Board members for review and distributed applications, application guidelines, and Board Ends. At the December meeting, Board members will present assigned applications. Dick said \$4,400 in grant funds from last year were unspent. Jinger said each building has \$10K in discretionary funds to spend. Lowell suggested that Board members support applicants and track whether or not they spend funds. Deb asked if this was the responsibility of Board members; Mary said unspent funds begged the question of whether or not the ESDEF should do an annual fundraiser. Jinger said that in the future, administrators may collaborate with staff to develop applications. Board members agreed to track whether or not grantees expended funds at the June meeting, and if needed, to follow up with grantees.

Super Bowl Warm-up: Mary distributed a revised task list and requested that Board members not ask sponsors for donations. The fundraiser will have assigned seating because of the dessert auction. Ticket sales begin January 2. Michele distributed a revised list of silent auction items.

Communication: No report.

Caring Cupboard: Mary reported much activity given the high level of need. Mary is also planning a giving tree, where she solicits businesses and friends to donate to students with "three wants and three needs."

Scholarships: No report.

Mailing Lists: No report.

Tile Wall: No report.

Parent/Umbrella Group: No report.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Kittitas County Youth Awards: No report.

Bylaws/Mission Statement: No report.

Grant Writing: No report.

Old Business: No report.

New Business:

Mary moved that the ESDEF join the National School Foundation Association, Noreen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Other: No report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held December 4 at 6:45 a.m. at the Palace Café.

Submitted by Deb Gauck, Secretary