

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation
 Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6:45 AM – Palace Café

Board Member Attendance:

Michele Cawley (excused) Jesus Baldovinos (absent) Tor Blaisdel Tara Brown Amy Cziske Deborah Gauck	Mary Gordon Jinger Haberer Cara Marrs (excused) Mike McCloskey Lowell Murphree (excused) Noreen Norfleet (excused)	Brandon Robertson Maureen Rust Dan Shissler Dick Wedin
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Guest Attendance: None

Welcome and Call to Order: Tor called the meeting to order at 6:48 AM.

Approval of December Minutes: Mike moved to approve the December 4, 2019 minutes with the following addition: Maureen suggested that the Board have a special mini-grant meeting every fall because there is not enough time for regular Board business and mini-grant business during one meeting. Mary seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Dick reported that Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith prepared the December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 financial statements. Assets as of December 31, 2019 were:

- General checking: \$27,755
- Storms payment account: \$16,775
- Edward Jones accounts: \$1,244,132
- Net assets, restricted: \$1,245,011
- Net assets, unrestricted: \$43,651
- Total net assets: \$1,288,662

Dick reported that Christine Roux donated \$3,000 last year, and Gretta Merwin donates \$1,000 every year, to ESDEF. They will receive marble red apples at the Super Bowl Fundraiser.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Celebrations: Jinger reported that EHS was designated an Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll school by the College Board. EHS received this award by increasing their accessibility for all students to take AP classes and for their consistency in having students receive passing scores on these AP exams. Ethan Price, an EHS junior, was recognized by the District for winning the WA-08 Congressional App Challenge. He created “Breathe AI”, an artificial intelligence program that recognizes X-rays that contain pneumonia. Ethan was also recognized by the Ellensburg City Council for his achievement.
- Bond projects: Jinger reported that the District and the City of Ellensburg are partnering well on the projects. Brain Aiken and the architecture team will request approval from OSPI to use a design-build system, where design and construction services are contracted by a single entity, for the Lincoln project. The new elementary school will be on the Winegar site near Mt. Stuart; and the new-in-lieu Mt. Stuart will open in the fall of 2022. This will be a new building because its construction will be less expensive than renovating the existing Mt. Stuart.

- Threat incident: Jinger reported that an EHS student, not at school at the time, made a threat immediately before winter break. The Ellensburg Police Department is investigating.

Super Bowl Kick-Off: Mary distributed the fundraiser packet, which included a list of how Board members could help. She has 33 silent auction items and reported that we need more items. All Board members will help with set-up. Tor will organize the wine walk. Mary encouraged Board members to buy tickets and organize tables. They can also help by volunteering to run games. Mike needs game ideas. Jinger will distribute information in District, EHS, and Lincoln staff mailboxes, Amy will distribute at Mt. Stuart, Brandon and Cara will distribute at Valley View, and Mike will distribute at Morgan. Tara will distribute information to the Chamber of Commerce, and Maureen has sent information to the Daily Record. Mary needs photos and video; she can use stock photos. The fundraiser will start at 5:30 PM. Mike will secure name tags for Cara and Tara.

Committee Reports/Activities

Mini Grants: No report.

Super Bowl Kick-Off: See above.

Communication/PR: ESDEF received thank you letters from Tiffany Price, Ethan Price, and Juli Hamilton for their K-5 No Fear Coding training and book, 360 degree camera, and P-3 Play and Learn speaker mini-grants, respectively. It also received a holiday card from the Chamber of Commerce.

Caring Cupboard: Mary reported that Caring Cupboard was very busy in December. Through the Giving Tree, counselors distributed donated gifts to 74 students. Counselors continue to distribute coupons to students for Valley Vision exams and lenses.

Scholarships: Mike reported that the unified scholarship application will be available in February and is due April 15. The new Thorp Scholarship will fund scholarships to EHS students living in Thorp at \$1000 per year, up to \$5000 per student. Mary asked if students who received scholarships could send her videos for the fundraiser. Mike will ask Michael Johansson to reach out to these students.

Mailing Lists: No report.

Tile Wall: Dick reported that ESDEF needs to get tiles engraved and put on the wall so it can complete this project.

Parent/Umbrella Group Liaison: Maureen reported that this activity is defunct and asked Tor to remove it from the standing agenda.

Nominating Committee: Brandon reported that Jesus is still interested in serving, but it is difficult for him to attend morning meetings. Brandon will recruit an additional member, perhaps a Dean from CWU. Brandon requested that members talk with him if they think of candidates.

Kittitas County Youth Awards: Mike reported that nomination forms will be sent out soon. The ceremony will be March 30.

Website: Mary reported that the website is updated and that there is a link to the fundraiser.

Bylaws Update/Mission Statement Development: No report.

Grant Writing: Deb reported that there have not been any federal funding opportunities that are a fit with District strategies because the White House just passed appropriations bills in December.

Cross Training: Mary recommended that the Board begin cross training.

Old Business: No report.

New Business:

- Annual Meeting: Mary asked whether ESDEF will host its annual meeting in April, and if so, what is

the format? If ESDEF wants school representatives to attend, it should schedule a date and invite them after the fundraiser. Can ESDEF buy them breakfast?

- Annual Retreat: Mary asked whether ESDEF will host its annual retreat in spring; if so, it should schedule a date and select a facilitator.
- Annual Meeting with School Board: Jinger will bring School Board study session dates to the next ESDEF meeting; the Board can select one of those dates for this meeting.

Adjournment: Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:48 AM. The next regular Board meeting will be February 5, 2020 at 6:45 AM at the Palace Café.

Submitted by Deb Gauck, Secretary