

**Ellensburg School District Education Foundation**

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 6:45 AM – Palace Café

**Board Member Attendance:**

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

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Michele called the meeting to order at 6:49 AM.

**Approval of February Minutes:** Maureen moved to approve the February 5, 2020 minutes; Michele seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dick reported that assets as of February 29, 2020 were:

- General checking: \$50,911
- Net assets, restricted: \$1,205,248
- Net assets, unrestricted: \$62,872
- Total net assets: \$1,270,120\*\*

Dick reported that the Super Bowl Warm Up total receipts are \$35,499.73.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

- Celebrations: The girls’ basketball team have advanced to the quarterfinals, and the winter musical, State Fair, was a big success.
- Bond projects: Jinger reported there will be a groundbreaking for the new Mount Stewart school at 10:30 on April 2 featuring students and Mayor Tabb. There will be a groundbreaking for the new school on the Winegar property at a later date.
- COVID19 Virus: School district staff and faculty are accessing state wide webinars and guidelines in response to the virus. Extra precautions such as disinfecting and teaching healthy habits are in place. The district is considering online learning and creating a plan in case of closures. Jinger will provide updates in her regular Superintendent’s reports.
- Budget: Jinger is working to recover \$600,000 for the district in medical premiums that have been paid for employees who waived health insurance coverage.

**Super Bowl Warm-up:** Jinger requested discussion about the structure of the fundraiser budget and policy regarding project funding at the annual retreat.

**Committee Reports/Activities**

**Mini Grants:** No report.

**Super Bowl Warm-up:** See above.

**Communication/PR:** No report.

**Caring Cupboard:** No report.

**Scholarships:** No report.

**Mailing Lists:** No report.

**Tile Wall:** Dick estimates that finishing the remaining 11 tiles in a manner consistent with the completed tiles will cost \$1900 (ie losing \$800). Following discussion, Michele made a motion to forego engraving the remaining 11 tiles and start the new wall using the more sustainable and affordable acrylic method. Jinger seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dick will work with Rose at Fast Lane Signs.

**Nominating Committee:** No report.

**Kittitas County Youth Awards:** The Youth Awards will be presented on Monday, March 30 at 6:30pm in the MM Performing Arts Center.

**Website:** No report.

**Bylaws Update/Mission Statement Development:** No report.

**Grant Writing:** No report.

**Cross Training:** No report.

### **Support for 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% sales tax for mental health**

Michele provided information on this statewide initiative which has yet to be adopted in Kittitas County. The Kittitas County Health Network is working with the county commissioners on how the tax could facilitate access to mental health and treatment services for county citizens. The commissioners requested the KCHN supply more information about the tax to the public, and prepare a more comprehensive plan on how the funds would be used and programs assessed. Michele is requesting support from the ESDEF in a letter-writing campaign (she will supply the template). Dick voiced concern about restrictions on 501©3 regarding lobbying and will look into potential prohibitions. Because it is advisory, Michele did not believe there was a conflict.

**Old Business:** No report.

### **New Business:**

- Liability insurance: Dick reported the new policy premium is \$740, down from \$950 last year. He will be sending bills out to associates for the new year. Michele said she would like the board to revisit a board of director's insurance policy.
- Strategic planning retreat: Amy will send out an email to pinpoint a preferred month for the retreat, and will follow up with a Doodle Poll to further refine. Cathy Bambrick will facilitate. There was discussion about venue, including the wind farm.
- Request for speaker funds from Haley Naboychik: Haley has requested \$2,500 to bring a speaker to the high school who addresses mental health, bullying, and suicide. Lowell made a motion to approve the expenditure; Maureen seconded. Dick asked where the money would come from and questioned the long-term effects of the presentation. Dick made a motion to table the previous motion; Michele seconded. Motion to table previous motion passed. Michele will contact Haley to ask if she has other funding partners/sources she could ask, and how the district would follow up on the presentation content. Lowell made a motion to approve voting (on the original motion) via email once Michele provides further information; Michele approved. Motion to vote via email passed.

**Adjournment:** Tor adjourned the meeting at 7:55 AM. The next regular Board meeting will be April 1,

2020 at 6:45 AM at the Palace Café.

Submitted by Maureen Rust for Deb Gauck, Secretary