

**Ellensburg School District Education Foundation**

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, August 17th, 2021, 5:00 pm, Bruce’s Place Garden Room/Zoom

**Board Members Present:**

Michele Cawley- Zoom Mary Gordon Jinger Haberer	Mike McCloskey- Zoom Lowell Murphree- Zoom Hilda Pena-Alfaro	Maureen Rust Dick Wedin
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**Board Members Excused:** Tara Brown

**Board Members Absent:**

**Guest Attendance:** None

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Maureen called the meeting to order at 5:21 following some technical difficulties with Zoom.

**Minutes:** Hilda made a motion and Mary seconded we approve the minutes from the June 28th retreat and the July 7<sup>th</sup> Fundraising retreat. Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dick discussed the July financials. Our numbers are healthy due to a strong stock market. All scholarship accounts are in good standing. We received an IRS penalty for \$1300 for a late 990 form, which GJRW will cover as it was their error. Ann Devney sent a generous donation for Caring Cupboard, a recommendation from Michelle Bibich which was appreciated.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Jinger updated us on the new buildings. Ribbon cutting for the new Mt Stuart will be held in late August and will be ready for the new year. Lincoln students will start at Lincoln and move to the new Ida Nason on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Our district has requested permission to cancel school for Lincoln students on October 7/8 to accommodate time for the move. Lincoln will be remodeled this year and Lincoln students will return in September 2022. OSPI has outlined mask requirements for all schools per Governor Inslee’s mask mandate. All Covid mitigations are in place, although daily attestations are not needed this year. Virtual Academy will be offered this year but in a smaller capacity. There will be before and after school care offered this year by the district at Mt Stuart and Valley View. Bussing continues to be a challenge and start times are staggered. Professional development has been ongoing for staff, and this year early release will happen on Wednesdays for staff to gather and plan. There is an M&O levy scheduled for early 2022.

**New Business**

**Board Recruitment:** Maureen announced Brandon’s resignation and our need to recruit more board members. Mike explained the board matrix and the summarization of strengths we should proactively recruit. Hilda inquired why we had an executive committee when the board is so small, and Maureen explained that executive meetings are a normal occurrence with nonprofit work to discuss issues and streamline agenda items for vote at our board meetings. Hilda also asked why we need a bigger board and everyone explained the number of volunteers needed to pull off the activities we coordinate as well as our desire for the board to represent our school

community. Hilda asked what her role was and why she wasn't represented on the matrix Mike distributed and it was explained the matrix was compiled from board participation before she joined the board as the ESD Board rep. Maureen announced that Cathy Bambrick has expressed interest in joining our board remotely. All potential names should be sent to Mike for discussion at our September meeting.

**2021-2022 Meeting Schedule:** With the early school start times this year, morning meetings are not optimal. It was decided a monthly meeting at 5:15 on the first Tuesday could work. In September the meeting will be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week to miss the first week of school. Maureen will email everyone with a meeting place.

**Staff Appreciation Events:** Staff appreciation ideas were discussed. There is a chance that the all-staff meeting will be held remotely due to Covid restrictions, so we might not have that event as an option. Michele asked how we plan to fund the staff appreciation gifts and Dick said he will look into unspent mini grant funds and bring back some options for discussion. Jinger asked if we might consider partnering with the Culinary Arts program to provide food? Maureen will look into stickers from Mad Labs at CWU and Jinger will inquire about the total number of staff members in the ESD.

**2022 Fundraiser:** Because of increased uncertainty with Covid restrictions, in lieu of our Super Bowl Warm Up, we will again offer a letter appeal. Mary will update last year's letter and distribute to the board for feedback. Mary also suggested we add a FB twist with a video and online auction of 15 of our best items (golf, M's tickets, wine, etc). The mailing list needs to be updated, and Mary volunteered to take a look and ask for board help when needed. The payroll deduction was discussed and Jinger will gather some details.

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**Learning Enhancement Awards:** Michele would like to update the form to include email responses only and will send out a draft for board feedback. This will be easier for the applicants and will be much easier for Michele to distribute applications to board members for perusal. Dick brought up the idea of a framed certificate of some kind outside the classroom/office door of each winner to showcase both ESDEF and the winner.

**Miscellaneous:** Hilda requested a full list of what our ESDEF board does, and Maureen directed her to our website. Mary and Maureen will coordinate a thank you gift and note for Brandon as he leaves our board.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:15, venue TBD. Mike is the rotating secretary for September.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Submitted by Mary Gordon, Rotating Secretary