

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 5, 2021, 5:15 P.M. – MMS and Zoom

Board Members Present:

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

Guest Attendance: None

Welcome and Call to Order: Maureen called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Approval of September minutes: Dick moved to approve the September minutes and Mike seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Dick reported that Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith prepared the September 2021 financial statements. Assets as of September 2021 were:

- General checking: \$42,216
- Storms payment account: \$57,025
- Edward Jones accounts: \$1,492,685
- Net assets, restricted: \$1,527,089
- Net assets, unrestricted: \$64,837
- Total net assets: \$1,591,926
- Caring Cupboard- \$14,206

Superintendent’s 5 Minute Update: No report

Activities Updates

Caring Cupboard: Requests have picked up, and drops are being made. All building counselors are familiar with the program which is helpful.

Website: All updates requested in September have been made. Learning Enhancement Award application is live and on the site. It was suggested we enhance our website to provide information on our organization for our Spanish speaking families.

Youth Awards: Mike is gearing up to gather his committee in November to get forms out for return by the end of the year. Plans for a live awards show is in the works with guarded optimism. If a live show is possible, it will be held the evening of Monday, March 28th at MMS.

Scholarships: Mike and Dick reported that almost all 2021 scholarships have been dispersed to students. The 2021 Scholarship Fair will be held virtually again. Mike will send updated information to Mary for the website.

Old Business

Board Recruitment Update: A few names are in the works, and Mike will schedule a Zoom meeting so we can discuss potential new members for the board.

Fundraiser: Mary suggested we not do an online auction due to the many limitations presented. All in attendance agreed. Mary and Dick will work on the solicitation letter for mailing in early January. Dick will continue to work on sponsors to support our cause. Mary will create a draft of the video and send out to the board for help gathering photos. Maureen will check in with Cathy Bambrick regarding other ideas around fundraising.

Learning Enhancement Awards: Michele has received one application and said the new online system worked well. Michele will check with Jinger to make sure the application information was sent to all staff members. It was decided the application does not need to be offered in Spanish as parents are not eligible to apply. Discussion continued regarding how to distribute 'plaques' for winners. It was decided to create an 8.5 x 11 for each winner to display, and an additional certificate to be displayed in the office or staff lounge of each school where there is a winner. We will also celebrate winners on our website, our FB page and submit a photo and article to the Daily Record.

Teacher Appreciation: The cookies distributed in September to all ESD staff members were well received. Because we placed an Ellensburg Pasta Company sticker on each cookie bag, EPC made a donation back to our organization to help offset the price of the cookies. Mary suggested we continue to provide uplifting treats and cards throughout the year to different sub-groups in the district. Everyone agreed it was a good idea. Mary will create a draft of ideas each month and send to the group for feedback. It was decided we can do these projects with a budget of \$1500.00. Dick has created a Teacher Appreciation budget line to keep track.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment: Maureen adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2021.
Rotating secretary- Lowell.

Submitted by Mary Gordon, Rotating Secretary for October