

**Ellensburg School District Education Foundation  
Board Meeting Minutes • Tuesday, September 14, 2021 • 5:15 p.m.**

Pasta Co. and Zoom

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Maureen CTO @ 5:24
2. Approval of August 17 Minutes: Dick moved, Mike seconded approval of August minutes minutes.  
Passed
3. Treasurer’s Report – Dick We have money. Report sent via eMail recently.
  - \$42320 checking assets 1628589 riding tide of stock market
  - \$14000 in Caring Cupboard
  - Payout for scholarships. Several haven’t claimed their scholarships. Discussion about how to resolve that and what about students who never claim.
  - Mike will add wording in scholarship about “Claim your money by..., or...”
4. Superintendent’s 5 Minute Update – Jinger
  - Successful start of the year. Thankful we can start in person
  - Celebration for opening of Mt. Stuart.
  - Lincoln moves into Ida in mid-October
  - Supporting teachers with PLC. Have a partnership with Solution Tree for three years to look at students data and make adjustments as needed. Jinger cited John Hattie
  - Hired two mental health specialists and have a Care Core team to send to buildings to help. Jinger will bring information to our October meeting. Funded through ESSER funds; temporary funding
  - Working with OSPI to fund in future
  - Sports underway already
  - Following mitigation of risks and have a strong partnership with KC Public Health
  - Michele will share some resources she has for the mental health folks
  - Dick asked about where we are at with payroll deduction and combined fund drive. Jinger will look into. Maureen will meet with Jinger to discuss payroll deduction
  - Mary asked about numbers of unvaccinated. Still waiting for employees to identify.
5. Committee Reports/Activities
  - a. 2022 Fundraiser (online): Mary
    - Idea: Send out in early January our appeal letter, much like last year
    - In letter - Set third week of January for our online auction. Maybe should only have 15 really great items for auction.
    - Mary will meet alumni groups
    - Maybe do an eMail blast
    - Continue to ask for sponsorships. Dick will follow-up in January.
    - Maureen did a nice compilation of auction ideas, including baskets
    - Maureen reminded us that we dropped the idea of a live event due to lack of board members and COVID Delta.
6. Old Business
  - a. Strategic Planning subcommittee reports
    - i. Align and assess: Maureen, Hilda, and Jinger

- Maureen reported that she shared with Hilda information to share with board
- ii. Fundraising priorities: Dick
  - Discouraging. Everyone in same boat
  - Hoping for positive reaction to solicitation letter
- iii. Board/professional development: Mike
  - Mike asked for suggestions of names
  - Mike will call a separate meeting to vet potential board members
  - Dick, Mary - Accept Cathy Bambrick to board
- iv. Community engagement/Communication plan: Lowell
  - Lowell shared nothing to report at this time.

b. Modifications to the learning enhancement award program: Michele

- Michele took input and updated form. Link is updated.
- Dick and Michele clarified the reimbursement instructions
- The link will alert Michele is there is an application
- Mary asked Michele to send link to her for updating the website
- Due November 1

c. Back-to-school teacher appreciation event: Mary and Maureen

- Mary was able to get great price on cookies from EPC
- Baskets of cookies with info about ESDEF in each staff room on Monday
- Will stuff cookies this weekend
- Need people to deliver. Maureen will coordinate.

## 7. New Business

a. Report: NSFA transitioning to National Association of Education Foundations: Dick, Maureen

- Maureen shared that the National organization has transitioned to the NAEF
- Just FYI
- People seemed very excited about the change

b. Meeting times

- 5:15 on first Tuesdays
- Mike has offered his classroom at Morgan
- Max 1 hour
- Jinger asked that we fill out a building-use form.

## 8. GOO

- a. Dick mentioned updates needed to website. Shared with Mary

Next meeting Tuesday, October 5 at Morgan in room A348 or via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McCloskey  
Secretary Pro Tem