

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting - Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 5:15 P.M. – MMS and Zoom

Board Members Present:

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

Guest Attendance: None

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

Approval of November minutes: Dick moved to approve the November minutes and Mike seconded the motion with the following changes- under the treasurer’s report it should read scholarship totals paid as of 11/2/21, and the 4-year time limit for scholarships paid is only for the Storms scholarship. With those changes, motion passed unanimously. Mary will make those changes in the November minutes before posting on the website.

Welcome Jason White: Maureen welcomed Jason as our new board member representing the Ellensburg School Board.

Learning Enhancement Awards: We discussed and made the following decisions:

1. Teresa Torrance Smith (Morgan Middle School)- \$150 to replenish her book library in her classroom- Dick moved and Mary seconded-approved.
2. Cathie Idler (Early Learning Center)- \$1350 for learning materials to send home with students – Dick moved and Mary seconded-approved.
3. Juli Hamilton (Early Learning Center)- \$1500 to purchase books to distribute in a variety of ways- Mary moved and Dick seconded-approved.
4. Mandi Laurent (District)- \$500 to purchase books for the Summer Bookmobile- Dick moved and Mary seconded-approved.
5. Tyler Douglas (Excel)- \$2000 to establish a Substance Prevention club at Excel. \$250 was awarded with additional funding possible once a more detailed plan is in place. Mary moved and Mike seconded-approved.

Dick reported that these awards will be paid from the Learning Enhancement Award unrestricted fund. Everyone who championed a request was asked to communicate with the applicant regarding our decision. We all thanked Michele for her hard work on the new online application and coordinating this project.

Treasurer’s Report: Dick reported that Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith prepared the November 2021 financial statements. Assets as of November 30, 2021 were:

- General checking: \$37,436
- Storms payment account: \$36,900
- Edward Jones accounts: \$1,381,570

- Net assets, restricted: \$1,401,475
- Net assets, unrestricted: \$54,431
- Total net assets: \$1,455,906
- Caring Cupboard- \$14,681

More scholarships will be paid this month, and we received a generous donation from the Cross family to be used for music. Dick also reported that the 2019 winner of a Storm's scholarship has forfeited 2019, and has three years remaining (2020, 2021 and 2022). Dick also encouraged our board to think about funding a larger project with more impact- something in the \$30-40,000 range. Tabled for further discussion.

Superintendent's Update: Jinger reported that the Morgan Performing Arts auditorium has been busy with plays, musicals and concerts. Our fall athletic programs finished strong with two coaches receiving CWAC Coach of the Year awards- Jim Englund for soccer and Jeff Hashimoto for cross country. ESD has implemented WIN Time (When I Need Time) which has proven successful. The district is currently working on attendance boundaries for implementation next year. They are partnering with Edulog, a company gathering data on locations of our current students, traffic patterns and travel times. There will be an M&O levy in February, and the ESDEF is encouraged to help spread the word. Jinger will present some informational slides at our January meeting. Michele asked about the grant for transitional kindergarten, no news yet.

Activities Updates

Caring Cupboard: There has been quite a bit of activity for November and early December. Mary also coordinated The Giving Tree again this year, with help from the building counselors and the new Family Liaisons. There was some confusion, so Mary plans to gather with the counselors and Family Liaisons in March to create some better guidelines for next year. In all 159 kids were assigned an elf and gifts are due Tuesday, December 14th.

Website: Website is running well and up to date. Everyone is asked to peruse on occasion to look for missing or incorrect information. In January we'll update the website with financials for 2021.

Youth Awards: Mike distributed applications for others to spread the word. The ceremony will be held the evening of Monday, March 28th at MMS. Applications are due Monday, January 31st, 2022.

Scholarships: No report, other than scholarships are being paid out when requested.

Board Recruitment Update: tabled until January.

Old Business

Fundraiser: Mary distributed via email the solicitation letter for 2022. Everyone is asked to read and give feedback.

Learning Enhancement Awards: it was decided to add Dick's written ideas on the Learning

Enhancement page on the website. Mary will make that change. 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: Mary will deliver poinsettias, candy and a thank you card to all school buildings this week including the district office, the print shop and transportation.

New Business

National Education Foundation: Dick received an \$800 bill for our annual dues but after contacting the organization was assured the real amount was \$175. We are paid for another year.

Bookmobile: Maureen will meet this week with Mandy Laurent, Jinger and Judy Backlund in an effort to start a conversation about providing more balanced support for the bookmobile so it can be accessed more often reaching more students.

Adjournment: Maureen adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 4th 2022 at 5:15 pm in Mike McCloskey's classroom.

Rotating secretary for January will be Michele.

Submitted by Mary Gordon, Rotating Secretary for December