

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 5:15 P.M. – MMS and Zoom

Board Members Present:

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

Guest Attendance: None

Welcome and Call to Order: Maureen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Board Resignation: Tara Brown has regretfully submitted her resignation from the board due to family illnesses and the time constraints of being a business owner. She would like to continue to assist with the fundraiser.

Approval of January minutes:

Approval of January 2022 minutes: Mary moved to approve the January minutes. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Dick reported that Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith report came through in an unusual format. We have had a little bit of income. \$38679 checking \$44775 storms payment \$1553544 assets \$1491047 restricted \$62497 unrestricted. About \$1300 in donations from solicitation letter so far. Dick will work with Madeline to reconcile their books.

Superintendent’s Update: Jinger reported that the levy is next week. Reminder to vote on both sides of the ballot. There is a pop-up on the ESD website which explains the breakdown of taxes for the schools.

Meg Ludlum is retiring from the board. There is an opening and interested people are encouraged to apply. This will be open through February 11. Interviews will be at the second board meeting in February.

- There is a bill in the legislature to fund enrollment stabilization this week. It could be very helpful to us.
- Another bill is being discussed which would help districts like ours which lose funding to Running Start programs.
- Yet another bill is in process to change the prototypical model to include counselors, nurses, and mental health professionals.

Activities Updates

Caring Cupboard: Mary reported lots of winter clothes being requested. She picked up 45 coats from the Kittitas County Realtor’s Association which helped fill the need. Still struggling

with procedures working with Family Liaisons. Mary continuing to work on it with her. Jinger will speak with Kelly Kronbauer about it as well.

Scholarships: Mike reported that the Unified Scholarship is live on the website and paper copies will be available to the students next week. We have two new donors: Carla Rittereiser memorial, and Valley Musical Theatre. Kiwanis just announced that they are upping their scholarships to \$2000 each, but that information came too late to be printed. The students will receive a nice surprise! Two scholarships also ended: Friday Club (Club folded) and Master Gardeners (against their bylaws to do scholarships)

Website: Mary has been making updates as requested.

Youth Awards: Mike reported that there were a number of nominations received and a few more are trickling in. Selection committee will meet January 17 in Mike's classroom.

Staff Appreciation: Due to do another something. Probably mid-March.

Board Recruitment Update: Mike asked if anyone had candidates. Mary asked Jen Carkner. Jen is very interested and excited to join the group. Mary spoke very highly of her. Only "downside", she may be gone for periods of time with her work with Red Cross. She will fill out application.

Maureen reached out to David Fiske. He is a big supporter, but already on too many boards. Laura Stevenson also. Laura Milner's partner health issues, but not a good time. One more in the hopper.

Michele spoke with Hilda and she is considering.

Old Business

Fundraiser: Mary prepared mailer, and Mike, Dick, and Maureen stuffed and mailed them. Sadly, return address omitted from return card. Will fix if we do again. Must do an in-person fundraiser in the future.

Learning Enhancement Awards:

Alutant Ad: Mike shared that EHS journalism student Haley Wallace is taking the lead on this.

Bookmobile Update: Still some challenges with helping to support the Bookmobile crew and make it sustainable. Two action items:

1. Mandy Laurent and Bobbi Johnson are only trained drivers. Will work to come up with another driver.
2. Josephine is working on a flyer to advertise the bookmobile, then will solicit volunteers from other buildings.

Jinger reported that the van is insured through the district's agent.

Reflectors for Schools: Maureen and Mary reached out to schools. Seems there could be a more efficient way to do this.

New Business

Correspondence with Katy Johansson, ED, Olympia Ed. Foundation: Maureen shared a conversation with Katy who found us on our website. She had questions about our rebranding and strategic planning. Even though they are a larger foundation, they also struggle with many of the same things our foundation does. They plan to remove “ school district” from their name. She also asked about paid staff. She also supports hiring an executive director. Has offered any help we might want.

Book Labels: Michele shared the book labels she made.

Mary reminded that our April meeting is our annual meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held on March 1st at 5:15 pm in Mike McCloskey’s classroom with a virtual option.

Rotating secretary for March is Cathy.

Submitted by Mike McCloskey, Rotating Secretary for February.