

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting - Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 5:15 P.M. – MMS and Zoom

Board Members Present:

Michele Cawley - Zoom Mary Gordon Jinger Haberer	Mike McCloskey Lowell Murphree – Zoom Maureen Rust	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 5:18 p.m.

Approval of December minutes:

Approval of December 2021 minutes: Dick moved to approve the December minutes. Lowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Dick reported that Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith report is not available yet due to the holiday. Dick reported a gift of \$250 from Tyson Wedin and a gift of \$500 from Tyson’s company. James Kirkham donated \$1000. Dick has personally delivered letters to past sponsors and will follow up.

Superintendent’s Update: Jinger reported that the reopening of school after the holidays went well despite the snow.

The district is moving forward with all day Transitional Kindergarten. 24 children are seeking enrollment. The district is screening, testing and seating students. Jinger was pleased with the “really strong interest.” The District is planning to provide professional development for area preschool teachers.

Jinger met with Dr. Larson who encouraged wearing masks and social distancing. He expects high COVID rates peaking in January. The district is continuing to adapt. Two health aides were hired. This has helped when nurses were out. Testing and contact tracing is continuing as needed. Jinger anticipates changes in guidelines. Dr. Larson does not anticipate mandating virtual schooling.

Traffic congestion at Ida Aronica was discussed. Progress is being made. “We are getting very resourceful to keep the wheel turning.” Jinger complemented the partnership with the city. Twice a month, she meets with the City Manager.

The Levy is on the February ballot. There is a meeting this evening to plan the campaign. Board members were invited to the meeting.

Activities Updates

Caring Cupboard: Mary will evaluate and revise the Giving Tree. She is building relationships with the district's family liaisons. Kittitas Co Realtors donated coats for children. About 80% were new and the rest were "gently used." One monetary donation was received. Mary expects to receive more requests for snow boots. Local stores are out of boots so she will order online.

Scholarships: Mike will be contacting donors and Michael J. will distribute information.

Website: Mary is updating the website on the financials.

Youth Awards: Mike reported that application distribution is going well. Applications are due Monday, January 31st, 2022. The Ellensburg Education Association donated \$300 for youth awards. (The award ceremony is the evening of Monday, March 28th at MMS).

Board Recruitment Update: Mike presented a detailed written document outlining the steps to inviting new Board Members and a list of potential members with the assigned Board Member. The Board member will contact the person as soon as possible and when possible, request an in-person visit. **Those people interested in becoming Board members will be asked to write a brief blurb about themselves and to complete the application.** The Board member will give or email the application.

Mike included the member application. Michele noted that the time for Board meetings needs updating. Mary will make the changes.

Pam Wilson was not interested in joining the Board.

Old Business

Fundraiser: Mary had emailed the solicitation letter for 2022 for a final review. Members expressed appreciation and enthusiasm for the letter. Michele had emailed minor suggestions and explained her suggestions. Mary will incorporate these.

Mary asked that someone else take responsibility for sending the letter to 400 people on our mailing list. Mary will send out the mailing list and asked that everyone update the list. A discussion followed as to how to prepare the mailing. A return envelope may be included. Mike and Maureen will arrange a time and place for a work party.

Learning Enhancement Awards: Mike will review previously submitted ideas for a paper award. Mary, Maureen and Mike will work on a creating a paper award.

Teacher Appreciation: No discussion

New Business

National Education Foundation: Michele and Lowell will attend the virtual annual meeting. They expressed appreciation for the opportunity. Dick has paid the registration.

Bookmobile: Maureen reported on a productive December meeting attended by Maureen, Michele, Judy Backlund, Mandi Laurent, Jinger, and Josephine Camarillo. The group outlined a plan and agreed to meet again in January. They discussed challenges and bringing increased organization to the bookmobile. Michele complimented Josephine's expertise in advance planning and her ability to move the group to committing to beginning planning in January and meeting regularly.

Other community partners will be invited – Hope Source, APOYO

There was a discussion of who owned the vehicle. Dick reminded the group that the district is responsible for the vehicle because the Foundation "gifted" the vehicle to the district. Jason asked for "anything historic that would document their responsibility." Mary suggested that the documentation was most likely in the District Board minutes. Michele recalled the gift. Dick noted that the Education Foundation does not have the vehicle title and does not license the vehicle.

Adjournment: Maureen adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

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

Rotating secretary for February will be Mike.

Rotating secretary for March is _____

Submitted by Michele Cawley, Rotating Secretary for January.