

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes • Tuesday, February 7th • 5:15 p.m. MMS Room
A348 and Zoom

Present in-Person: Mike, Dick, Maureen, Mary

Present vis Zoom: Lowell, Jinger

Excused Absences: Michele

- Welcome and Call to Order – Mike started meeting at 5:19
- Approval of January Minutes- Upon a motion by Dick and a second by Lowell, the minutes were approved as printed.
- Treasurer’s Report – Dick eMailed report.
- Superintendent’s Update – Jinger
 - New board member, Cynthia Coe
 - Changes in EXCEL HS - Going to project-based approach. New principal, Rhonda, helping to transition to Big Picture Learning.
 - Home Connection program - 175-200 parents homeschool in our valley. This program allows students to come in for a class or two as needed. Helps with FTE for district.
 - “Transitional K” quite successful at Ida.
 - Food Services got a grant to help the staff cook more food from scratch and expand our partnerships in the community.
 - Jason Eng had students doing cross country skiing at Mt. Stuart when there was snow.
 - Kevin Dwight’s applied science class working on building a better mousetrap.
 - Several students at Morgan have recently earned Microsoft certifications.
 - Josh Humphrey’s wood shop at Morgan currently building ukuleles
 - Tiffany Price’s students at succeeding at Cyber Patriot program
 - Jack Eylar having great success as a wrestler
 - FBLA students have a number of students who qualified for state
- School Board Update- new liaison?
 - Mary extended an invitation to board to send a liaison
- Committee Reports/Activities
 - Board recruitment- Michelle Bibich
 - Interested in near future
 - Maureen participating in volunteer fair soon. She will share about our board.
 - Caring Cupboard -Mary
 - Busiest Caring Cupboard month to date!
 - Several students with unique needs
 - Lots of lice issues in elementary schools
 - Frequent check-ins with counselors
 - Facebook- ideas for posts
 - Sponsor highlights and poster
 - Success posts after the event
 - Youth Awards
 - Working with Tara to get ownership transferred over

- Fundraiser- Mary
 1. Decorations- Lacey Wedin has been very helpful!
 2. Financials- should have solid numbers before we leave
 3. Food and Bar- bar ready at 5:15, food by 7 (Silent auction closed at 6:50)
 4. Games- Mike shared that all is under control
 5. Posters- don't forget to take your posters down
 6. Screen/AV- Maureen has secured a screen and projector for us
 7. Silent Auction - 55 items! About \$8000 worth of value.
 8. Sound- rented speakers and microphone from Entertainment Plus
 9. Sponsors- Working on securing names for check in
 10. Technology- Rufus Tech coming at 11. They've been great to work with!
 11. Video- still need several photos
 12. Volunteers- should arrive by 4:30
- Learning Enhancement Awards- discuss at summer retreat
 - Need to tweak a few things
 - Need to make sure we have a consistent message to notify winners
- Scholarships – Mike
 - Unified Applications now available at high school and on website tomorrow
 - Due April 17 (15th is a Saturday)
- Staff Appreciation – Maureen
 - Maureen suggests partnering with PTOs
- Website – Mary
 - Need to update 2022 financials and CC (after event)
 - Mary shared some challenges with our new payment portal on the website. Doesn't collect physical address. Working on it.
- Youth Awards – Mike shared selection committee meeting tomorrow night.

Old Business

- Annual meeting- where, who to invite, how to communicate, officer elections
 - April 4, 5:15, tentatively at Ellensburg Pasta Company
 - Invite at 6 weeks, and reminder at 2 weeks
 - Parent groups and insurance purchasers
 - Be thinking about officer elections
- Community magazine- Dena Skigstad (Youth Awards, Caring Cupboard)
 - Mike was interviewed. Should be published soon!

New Business

- For the Good of the Order
 - None - Looking forward to having Lowell and Michele back with us.
- Adjournment

Next meeting: March 7th, 2023, MMS, 5:15 pm