

# Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes • Tuesday, January 1, 2025 • 5:15 p.m.

MMS Principal's Office

## **OPENING AGENDA ITEMS**

- Welcome and Call to Order – Mike
  - The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.
  - Attending: Mike McCloskey, Dick Wedin, Mary Gordon, Michelle Bibich, Troy Turnow, Marvin Douvier-Johnson, Maureen
  - Guests: Miriam Nation and Savannah Walling from Cashmere Bank.
- Approval of December minutes
  - Motion to approve by Marvin, Mary seconded. Motion passed.
- Correspondence: Thank you note received from Shelby Wedekind, 2024 awardee of Stovall student loan forgiveness grant; Maureen will forward to the Stovalls

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- Treasurer's Report – Dick awaiting December report from accountant.
  - Dick proposed awarding a Red Apple award to Richard Wachsmith for his performance of an internal review for accountant Madeline DeMaintenon's annual ESDEF audit. So moved by Mary, seconded by Michelle. Motion passed.
  - Buchanan family contributed \$1,000 to be used for musical instrument requests
  - Charlene Woods contributed \$34,000 to establish an annual \$1,000 scholarship in Charlene and Norm Woods' name
  - ESDEF scholarship balance currently at \$1490; Mike kicked in \$10 to bring it to \$1500. See old business.
  - Class of 1974 donated \$2,000 to be used as 2 one-time scholarships in 2025. Using up money left in the account.
- Superintendent's Update – Troy reports Stovall's have been in touch with EHS principal offering to cover a variety of teacher expenses. Troy has redirected the donors to ESDEF as the district does not have the ability to steward such an offer.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

- Board recruitment- Troy will ask for a volunteer from the school board.
- Caring Cupboard - Mary reports increased requests in December, including from the Early Learning Center.

- Facebook – Marvin is knocking it out of the park with the Facebook page. He reminds members to send him some informal photos and blurbs for posting.
- Fundraiser – Mary provided an updated task list.
- Learning Enhancement Awards- Michelle: reports are starting to come in from the round awarded in December 2024.
- Scholarships – Mike
  - Woods scholarship mentioned by Dick will be directed toward CTE students and Mike has amended the unified application accordingly and will promote with the shop teacher, Tiffany Price, Steve Russell, and Shannon Panettoni.
- Staff Appreciation – Maureen
  - Poinsettias and placards delivered to all schools (including CHOICE and Early Learning) plus transportation office, printing office, and district office, prior to the holidays.
  - ESDEF board members will attend January parent organization meetings to promote the fundraiser.
- Tile Wall – Dick- no new report
- Website – Mary has updated the meeting minutes and bios on the website. She asks all members to review the website and send in suggested edits. Some of link maintenance has been assigned to the web designer.
- Youth Awards – Mike reported the nomination forms are now available; due January 31. The awards will be presented at a ceremony on March 31.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- ESDEF Scholarship of \$1500 will be offered this year and include a service component to the requirements. Future funding will be discussed at a future board meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Big Check: Mike will purchase a blank big check for future photo opportunities.
- Cashmere Donation: Miriam Nation and Savannah Walling from Cashmere Bank presented the board with a check for \$1100. Caring Cupboard was the bank employees' 2024 nonprofit selection to benefit from their casual Friday collections.
- Newly established funds specific to music: Buchanan (\$1000 toward instrument rental), Cross (\$500/year for music related Learning Enhancement Award). Dick will create a new funding category for music-related awards.

- Buchanan: \$1000 for music

## **CONCLUSION**

- Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 6:30, followed by:
- Fundraiser review and envelope stuffing. See updated task document.

**Next meeting: February 4, 2025, Morgan Principal's Office, 5:15 pm**