



TAHOE TRUCKEE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MINUTES
TTUSD District Office, Conference Room B
March 8, 2022
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Present: Elena DeLuna, Kirsten Pekarek, Shelly Purdy, Jooly Hopkins, Sara Coustette-Spencer, Cindy Flores, Jojo Rouas, Lisa Laliotis, Megan Evans, Aubrey Harper (*GFS guest*), Mike Brown (*guest*), Amy Macosko (*guest*), Amanda Helm (*guest*)

Bill Austin, Susie Overall, Lee Hansen, Sarah Biebl, Jamie Gignoux, Liza Smith, Lauren Chorey, Kelli Twomey (These board members were all on-line via Zoom)

Excused: Jerusha Hall

Also Present: Laura Brown, Executive Director EEF; Beth Pascalli Hirsh, Coordinator; Carmen Ghysels, TTUSD Superintendent and Chief Learning Officer; Jeff Santos, TTUSD Director of Student Services; Kim Bradley, TTUSD Wellness Coordinator

President, Elena DeLuna, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Consent Items:

- O Approval of February Minutes
- o Executive Report
- o Committee Report

Shelly Purdy motioned to approve the February Consent Items as presented. Lisa Laliotis seconded. All in favor. **Bill Austin and Lee Hansen abstained. Motion Passed.**

President's Comments: Elena DeLuna

- April meeting is a regular board meeting, April 19. We usually do a Strategic Planning meeting during this month. We will postpone this until a later date.

Executive Director Update: Laura Brown

- Grant Portal Sign-in – Grant portal is open and grants are **due April 4, 2022**. Site Liaisons may get questions from their respective schools. Laura will send out information regarding a Site Liaison meeting to review all information relating to grants and other items.
- McGinity Scholarship – Last year was the first year Excellence in Education Foundation provided a \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship is through the TTCF scholarship portal. The McGinity Scholarship is awarded to a student who is pursuing a health care degree. If you would like to be on the committee to review scholarships, please let Laura know. The committee will meet in April/May timeframe.
- Board Social Media Highlights – We are starting to rollout pictures and statements of board members. If you are interested in participating, please send Laura a picture and a statement of why you serve on the EEF Board of Directors.

- Dog and Bear Tavern Dinner/One Hope Wine - We were selected as beneficiaries. Laura will send out more information.

Fundraising Update –

- **Dining for Schools:** Evaluating program
 - **Skiing for Schools:** Over \$100,000 – Only a few tickets left!
 - **Golfing for Schools:** 2022 Cards go on sale Mid-April. \$365 per golf card.
 - **Friends of Education:** YTD: \$54,000

District Update: - Carmen Ghysels

- Interviews are in process for Architecture companies for the TTUSD facilities plan.
- TTUSD is also looking at their Strategic Plan from 2016-2020; EEF will be included to provide feedback for the new plan.
- There was a Crisis Team Meeting with all executive staff on the Lakeside to address the best support for teachers, staff, and students re: previous tragedies of student ski accident deaths.
- District support is focused on NTHS and Lakeside to help address any needs.
- TTUSD will be mask optional on Monday 3/14. Bus service is also optional for masks. School staff for lower grades has ideas to help with transitioning for lower grades.
- TTUSD will have some staff changes for certain schools. Announcements are going out.
- TTUSD is experiencing vacancies for 6 bus driver vacancies and 8 facility positions.
- COVID Test sites are open and positive COVID results have declined.
- The last day of school is still June 23, 2022. If there are any changes, announcements will go out.
- Carmen is continuing her spring tours to TTUSD schools as part of her Superintendent and Chief Learning Officer focus.

EEF 2020 990 Review – Jaime Gignoux

- Jamie presented highlights for the 2020 Tax 990 form. This form discloses information about the organization and activities that happened over the year. This form is available to the public.
 - Jamie reviewed the entirety of the 990 and saw no flags. She provided a brief overview of the contents.

Jamie Gignoux motioned to accept the 2020 990 Review as presented. Cindy Flores seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

Linda Brown Fellows and Stars Program - Cindy Flores

- This is the 23rd year of this program. Cindy provided an overview of the history of the Linda Brown Fellow and Stars Programs. Linda Brown recipients, certified staff, receive \$2000 to enhance their academic rigor and \$1000 for personal use. Stars recipients, classified staff, receive \$1000 for personal use.
- The EEF board and site liaisons help promote this program to other staff, parents, and community members.
- Recipients are awarded at the TTUSD convocation; this district meeting is the first day back for staff. Tentatively planned at NTHS and more information will be sent out once information is confirmed.

TTUSD Social Emotional Learning – Jeff Santos, Director of Student Services and Kim Bradley, TTUSD Wellness Coordinator

- TTUSD Student Wellness presentation and information are located on Board Zone.

Tahoe Forest Hospital District has increased programming to address community needs. Kim and Jeff presented an overview of data for Grades 7, 9, and 11th from the 2021 Health Kids Survey. California data from other counties have not been released.

We are requesting \$50,000 from Excellence in Education to support the expansion of the TTUSD School Social Worker Program to include high school, middle school and elementary School Social Workers in the 2022-2023 school year. TTUSD is committed to covering the remaining costs and exploring long (Ca Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program & Nevada/Placer MHSA).

The request for the 2022-2023 school year is attached on Board Zone. The school needs are as follows:

- PT ACMS Social Worker (SW)
- PT THS SW
- FT NTS/NTHS SW
- PT Lake-side Elementary SW
- PT Truckee-side Elementary SW

The Full meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Tuesday, April 19 (Our scheduled meeting is over Spring Break).
- Tuesday, May 10, Board Meeting at TCPUD
- Tuesday, June 14, Board Meeting at TTUSD