



TAHOE TRUCKEE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MINUTES

TTUSD Conference Room A

October 9, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Present: Haakon Lang-Ree, Bill Austin, Elena Deluna, Kristen Pekarek, Jenna Hilton (on phone), Erin Flynn, Lauren Van Loon, Kelli Twomey, Kari Chalstrom, Shelly Purdy, Jooly Hopkins, Barb Wilkinson, Karsten Swenson, Cindy Flores, Stephanie Bragg, Nancy Gisko, Lisa Laliotis, Victoria Mercer (on phone), Karen Roske

Excused: Jerusha Hall, Jessica Weaver

Also Present: Laura Brown, Executive Director EEF; Beth Pascalli Hirsh, Coordinator EEF; Rob Leri, TTUSD Superintendent; Alec Lee, AIM HIGH Ex Dir, and Aim High teacher and students [G1]

President, Kristen Pekerak, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Introductions of board members

District Update – Superintendent, Dr. Rob Leri

- Last week TTUSD hosted the California Legislative Staff Education Institute (CLSEI) for several days. They met with district staff, visited schools, and conducted parent and student panels.
- Last week, Glenshire Elementary hosted their second annual Fresh Air Day and encouraged students, teachers, and families to get out of the cars and walk, bike, or carpool to school. This is a student-driven effort and they've had a positive effect on reducing the number of cars on campus significantly. Students collected data for drop off and pick up times at the school.
- The week before Rob Leri, Missy Mohler and Anna Klovstad attended the Green Ribbon Conference in Washington DC where TTUSD was honored by the US Department of Education as a Green Ribbon School District. TTUSD won the Green Achiever award and were one of only six school districts in the nation to receive this distinction.
- Truckee High School hosted a College Fair. Students had the opportunity to meet representatives from UC's, private colleges, CSU's, Community Colleges, Trade and Vocational Schools and various branches from the military services.
- On Monday, we had an entire day devoted to Professional Development for our teachers and staff. This was considered a Teacher Contract Day and there was no school.
- TTUSD is a finalist in the Golden Bell Awards with the CA School Boards Association for our Truckee/North Tahoe Youth Health Initiative program. Next week, two representatives from CSBA will be visiting TTUSD for a site validation visit.
- October is School Bus Safety Awareness Month. Dr. Leri acknowledged the hard work and extensive training by our school bus drivers and bus fleet maintenance staff. Dr. Leri also

thanked those behind the scenes in transportation; all of these people are committed to ensuring our scholars are safe and well taken care of while on our buses. It takes a lot to keep 35 buses running smoothly!

- There was an official unveiling of the new fabrication lab and a program called "On-Boarding" at the last TTUSD board meeting. This program encompasses manufacturing, design, and retail. Robotics is up and running and now is part of coursework at THS.[G2][G3][G4]
- Thank you to the Excellence in Education Foundation[G5] for their Recognition event. It is one of the highlights for our teachers and staff in recognition of our Fellow and Star Award winners.
- Dedication of Donner Trail School took place this past month. The redesign includes 2 new classrooms, a new office, common space for library and separate grade classrooms. Students were on-site to provide tours.

Consent items:

- Approval of September Minutes
- Executive Report
- Committee Report

Shelly Purdy motioned to approve the September minutes and the above items as presented. Elena Deluna seconded. Bill Austin abstained. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

President's Comments/Overview: - Kirsten Pekarek

- Recognition Event – beautiful event and always a great event to see teacher and staff videos. Very engaging. Thank you, Cindy, for all your work!
- Board Meeting Topics – Exec Dir dedicates at least three board meetings to outside speakers. Please forward ideas to Laura Brown.
- Jess Weaver has resigned due to work level. Thank you, Jess, f[G6][G7]or your commitment to the EEF and all your work on the PR committee.[G8]

Executive Director Update: - Laura Brown

- TTCF's Fund-holders Luncheon – Laura and Bill Austin attended. Brian Sharpes from Greystone presented.
- SH Cowell Foundation– Cowell will be here for a site visit at the end of October. Laura will have lunch with Ken Doane. TTUSD Grant (LIT Committee) –Funded TTUSD birth – 12-grade literacy program and a district community literacy team formed. It is very exciting.
- Mountain Hardware Round-Up, Oct 12 -21[G9] – please purchase any necessary items needed during this week. The cashier will ask if you would like to Round-Up in support of EEF!
- CA Conference for GLR, Nov 7- 8 – San Diego – Laura will be attending with other attendees[G10] from Grade Level Reading[G11]
- Promotion with Tahoe Get-Aways (Property Rentals in Tahoe/Truckee) – Halloween/Pumpkin promotion. Board agreed not to do pumpkin carving. Laura will figure out another idea with Jim Winterberger. There was a suggestion to be more mission aligned with the promotion.

Fundraising Update -

- **Dining for Schools:** Cards are selling fast! Please turn in money and extra cards.
- **Skiing for Schools:** All resorts are confirmed – flyer coming.

- **Golfing for Schools:** Program wrapping up
- **Friends of Education:** YTD \$7,681.23
- **New Donations Received:** Thank you for all who have donated

Grant Report: Aim High – Alec Lee, Aim High Executive Director, Aim High students, and teachers [G12]: Lily Christiano, Crystal Soto-Ramirez, Luis Gaitan-Meza, and Alexa [G13]Pedoza

- PowerPoint slides supplied and presented by Alec Lee. The presentation [G14]included Aim High’s Mission, impact and an overview of this pasts summer program.[G15]

Egg Painting Grant – Shelly Purdy

- EEF received a grant proposal for the elementary egg painting program again for this year in the amount of \$1,917. This proposal is for egg supplies only. This proposal was received outside of our grant cycle. Three schools are included in this proposal as the other schools choose not to do this program. Glenshire, Tahoe Lake and Kings Beach are the three schools requesting funding.

Cindy Flores motioned to fund the egg program as presented and Kari Chalstrom seconded. All in favor. **Motion passed**

Measure AA Contribution– Kirsten Pekarek

- EEF Executive Committee discussed making a financial contribution to Measure AA. EEF endorsed Measure AA but historically hasn't supported financially. Exec Comm is proposing using board designated funds to support Measure AA. It is mission aligned and it is very important to the good of the district that it pass. [G16]
- EEF has board designated funds available, approx. \$82,000, of that \$67,000 is uncommitted. EEF Exec Committee had conversed early this week about allocating funds to Measure AA and all agreed. Stephanie Bragg stated that these funds will allow the Measure AA committee to send out mailers which costs \$5,000 each. These mailers will reach more of the older generation. Measure AA will then follow up with a phone call to those who received mailers.

Shelly Purdy motioned to approve giving \$5,000 to Measure AA and Lisa Lalotis seconded. There was a discussion from the group about a higher dollar amount. [G17] Shelly Purdy revoked her motion. Bill Austin motioned to contribute \$10,000 to Measure AA, Shelly Purdy seconded. Kelli Twomey abstained. All in favor. [G18]**Motion passed.** [G19]

New Member Nominations – Laura Brown

- Liz Bowling – PR Committee
 - Liz has been coming to our board meetings [G20][G21] for a year now. She recently started a new PR job at NLTRA and has the interest and time She does PR for SELS and is an active member with us already.

Kelli Twomey motioned to approve the nomination of Liz Bowling as presented. Bill Austin seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

- Susie Overall – Payroll Deduction, Web Content
 - Susie approached EEF with interest to join. She has kids in the district and is currently PTO president at Glenshire and sits on ACMS PTO board. She has a great background in I.T.

Cindy Flores motioned to approve the nomination of Susie Overall. Lisa Laliatos seconded. All were in favor. **Motion Passed**^[G22]

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- October, 10, Wednesday Measure AA Fundraiser at Hacienda in TC, 5:30 pm
- October 11, Thursday, Measure AA Fundraiser at Coyote Moon in Truckee, 5:30 pm
- October 12-21 – Round-Up event at Mountain Hardware