THOMPSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Kim Akeley-Charron
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1. There were 24 students who participated in the March 26 Project Prom event and several others have had individual appointments. I’ll have the final number for this year’s project for the May or June meeting. March 26 went very well and provided a good roadmap for building the program in the future.

2. The Thompson Tomorrows Today (T3) planning session provided the details and input staff needed to put together the first full day career guided training for K-5 in August. I’ll still be supporting the effort through August in the form of site logistics and team planning meetings. My involvement will lessen as the curriculum moves past the grant expenditures.

3. The Governor’s Art Show & Sale will be at the Loveland Museum from April 23-May 22. A reminder that the Resiliency Fund receives 1/3 of all the proceeds so if you are looking for a piece of original art, stop by the museum and take a look at what is being offered. I’ll be attending the opening on April 22.

4. I met with Denny Haskew and John Kinkaid about Denny’s generous offer to support TEF through sales of some of his sculpture and other art. In our discussion, the support shifted toward building the Lu Haskew endowment to $100,000 for an in perpetuity annual support disbursement to art teachers (instead of every other year). We are going to continue to meet until a full campaign picture evolves. There is no date for an event at this point.

5. I released the TopGolf date in June that we were holding as a possible add-on event this summer. With all the spring activities taking place at the foundation, I decided the planning window was too short to effectively produce the event. We can discuss and add a TopGolf event for later in the year or for 2023.

6. We completed the details required for TEF’s 2020 990 and it is at the tax accountant’s office for processing. You will see a copy by email before it is filed.

7. Debbie and I will be at the Foundant Summit in Memphis April 24-26.

8. The History Days field trips to the Loveland Museum/Rialto Theater/Lonetree School for 2nd grade students start Friday, April 22 and continue through Friday, May 6. This is a special year – the Lola Johnson family pays for the annual bus transportation and this year, Lola’s oldest grandchild is in 2nd grade.