

**THOMPSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. Board members in attendance were Kim Akeley-Charron, Blas Estrada, Cody Fullmer, Brandy Grieves, Lauren Haug, Pam Howard, Brian Jacobson, Trish Malik, Mark Miller, Kathie Rechkemmer, John Stewart and Eric Weedon. Debbie Wright was also in attendance. Board members unable to attend were Bill Bundy, Danielle Feeney, Rhett Polka, Marc Schaffer and Kim Skoric.

Blas introduced new board member John Stewart. John told the board that he had worked for Thompson School District and was deputy superintendent for 13 years. He was also part of the team that hired Tom Grippen, the first person to run TEF. Board members in attendance introduced themselves to John.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Consent Agenda—consisting of the January 21 board meeting minutes and the January First National Bank Investment Management Account statement—was approved.

The Summary of Transactions and Fundraising Goal reports were included in board members' packets. TEF received \$848 in proceeds from October's TEF Night at the Denver Nuggets. TEF had a new donor donate \$1,000 for music and arts. This donation was split between the Lu Haskew Arts Education Fund and the Musical Instrument Repair Fund, both of which are paid out to schools every two years. The Leadership Loveland class was giving out bags stuffed with local coupons in exchange for a donation to the Lu Haskew Arts Education Fund at the Loveland Sweetheart Festival last weekend. Bags are still available at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce. Berthoud Schools Fund paid out a significant amount to reimburse purchases for schools and cover expenses for the upcoming Berthoud Bash; income from that event will replenish the fund. A \$50,000 grant from OtterCares Foundation for the business hub at the new Thompson Career Campus was deposited in the CTE Program Support Fund. The Encounters With Music Fund received \$35,000 from the Margaret Foote Trust for 2020. Everything on the Fundraising Goal Report is tracking well. General Unrestricted had income of nearly \$6,700 in January due to sponsorships, etc. The in-kind total will be bumped up by the King Buick GMC car leases and Embassy Suites room rental donation for the Educator Appreciation Breakfast.

Kim reported that the OtterCares StratOp session scheduled for tomorrow has been canceled. The date was problematic for most of the board. Hopefully, we can choose a date later in the year, perhaps early June, and have the facilitator come to us. Also, there are still some seats available at the Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Breakfast on Thursday, February 20, 7 a.m. at Embassy Suites, if anyone is interested in attending.

The Educator Appreciation Breakfast is March 11. We will be choosing the Educator of the Year recipients at the end of this meeting. Sponsorships are coming in and we've received a few door prizes. If you know of someone that might be able to provide a door

prize, please ask them. Blas and Kim are working on the script. Staff and volunteers will be doing the event set up on Tuesday, March 10, at 4 p.m. Kim asked that board members arrive by 6:15 a.m. the day of the event to greet people. Volunteers will take care of the name tag tables. Breakfast will be served at 6:50 a.m. and the program will start at 7 a.m. We do not have a video about this year's grants, but they will be talked about during the program. Kim would like to show the video that was used at the Education is Everyone's Business event; the board was okay with that. The event starts early so teachers can get to their classes in time for the Wednesday late start. Kim asked if the breakfast should be changed to an evening event. She asked board members to talk to people as they arrive at the breakfast to get a read on their preference. A discussion was held. If we anticipate making a change, Kim will send out an e-mail survey to district staff soon so we can plan for next year. It seems that there are a lot of breakfast events in the spring and evening events in the fall in the business world. Maybe we could reimagine the Education is Everyone's Business event as a breakfast fundraiser in the fall and do the Educator Appreciation event in the evening in the spring.

The TEF board will be packing for KidsPak on March 25, 8:45 a.m., at the Food Bank. Kim would like to see at least half, if not all, of the board participate this year.

The employee giving campaign, Thompson Gives, is moving forward. Kim will have more information at the March board meeting. She is working with United Way to promote the campaign.

As you may have seen on Facebook, the WOW Travel Grant was awarded to Laura LaBelle, English Language Development teacher at Turner Middle School and Bill Reed Middle School. Laura's application really stood out because of the specialized program she found in Mexico for ELD teachers. The committee was impressed with what she'll be bringing back from a language and cultural standpoint to make her classroom more culturally comfortable.

The Department of Human Services wanted to infuse some language into SB20-106. The revised bill was on the Colorado Senate's local affairs committee consent agenda today and is now going to the Senate floor and then the House of Representatives. If the bill passes through the House, Loveland Housing Authority will be able to buy housing for our unaccompanied youth.

A discussion was held regarding the Educator of the Year finalists and the 2020 recipients were chosen.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.