

**THOMPSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 4:21 p.m. Board members in attendance were Kim Akeley-Charron, Paul Baron, Brian Cullins, Blas Estrada, Danielle Feeney, Cody Fullmer, Lauren Haug, Brian Jacobson, Diane Lapierre, Sarah Walgast and Eric Weedon. Debbie Wright was also in attendance. Jennifer Hahnke from the Better Business Bureau gave a presentation at the beginning of the meeting. Board members unable to attend were Brandy Grieves, Jason Hatch, Pam Howard, Marc Schaffer and Celeste Smith.

Jennifer Hahnke, Education and Outreach Manager for the Better Business Bureau serving Northern Colorado and Wyoming, gave a presentation to the board. Thanks to the work that Kim did, TEF is now an accredited charity with the Better Business Bureau. Twenty standards need to be met for charities to become accredited. TEF has a profile with BBB which can be found at bbb.org. Jennifer provided TEF with BBB plaques, magnets and decals. TEF can submit programming and event information to BBB and they will advertise it in their newsletter.

Lauren told the board that, beginning today, the monthly financial reports and the Executive Director Report will be added to the Consent Agenda to streamline board meetings. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Consent Agenda—consisting of the August 17 and September 21 board meeting minutes, the August and September First National Bank Investment Management Account statements, the September financial reports and the Executive Director Report—was approved.

Kim provided information on TEF's upcoming events. The Drive-Thru Trick-or-Treat Experience, being held at the Thompson School District administration building on October 30, is half sold out at \$5/car. This year is proving to be an experiment for a post-COVID event. We have a lot of sponsors, but it's been difficult for our sponsors to find enough people to work the event. It will still be a great experience for kids, but we are not planning to continue with this event after this year. Kim met with high school groups to see if they would partner with us. The three high schools in Loveland come together to do their own Halloween event. Students from Thompson Valley High School agreed to do both our event and the high school event. TSD nights at Denver Nuggets and Colorado Avalanche games are back. People use a special link to order low-cost tickets for the games (there's a primary date and a secondary date), and TEF receives the proceeds. This information is being pushed out on social media and to district families. It is nominal work on our end.

The board discussed opening Founders Grants versus giving each TSD school a set amount of money for the year, like we did last year. Founders Grants normally open in October, awarding up to \$2,000 for school-wide and districtwide projects. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the board approved school awards for the upcoming year in the same amounts as last year, totaling \$21,750. It was decided that the awards

will be announced to the schools the beginning of December and distributed in January. Kim will ask the principals to let her know what they use the money for; hopefully, this will lead to stories and photos/videos that can be used to market TEF.

A discussion was held regarding the December TEF board celebration. The board would like to have an in-person get together as long as county mandates allow it. Each board member can bring one guest. The get together will be held right after the board meeting on December 14. Axe to Grind was suggested as a location with Vatos Tacos providing the food. Kim will check on their availability.

In Other Business, Kim told the board that KidsPak is kicking off their holiday event at the Safeway off Wilson Avenue tomorrow at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. The three Safeways in Loveland will have the option to donate to KidsPak at their checkout counters over the next couple of months. Those donations will be used to supply TSD families in need with \$50 Safeway gift cards for holiday meals, etc.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.