

**THOMPSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 4:23 p.m. Board members in attendance were Kim Akeley-Charron, Brian Cullins, Blas Estrada, Danielle Feeney, Jason Hatch, Lauren Haug, Matt Thies and Sarah Walgast. Board members unable to attend were Paul Baron, Cody Fullmer, Brandy Grieves, Pam Howard, Diane Lapierre, Marc Schaffer, Celeste Smith and Eric Weedon.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Consent Agenda—consisting of the March 22 board meeting minutes, the March First National Bank Investment Management Account statement, the March financial reports and the Executive Director Report—was approved.

Kim let the board know that Debbie was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

Kim gave an update on the Loveland Classic. Registration is currently low, but Kim expects 350-400 people to sign up, which would be similar to last year's numbers. We need to thank the High Plains School and Big Thompson Elementary School art teachers for their help with the creation of the prizes. The date may need to be changed next year to coincide with High Plains Environmental Center activities.

Kim gave an update on Trailblazing Thompson. There are still a couple of costs that haven't come through. She should have a final budget by the next board meeting. The thank you video for the event is coming soon. Kim thought it felt like the right time to hold the event; those in attendance concurred. There were roughly 425 attendees. Everyone loved the video of the students that was shown. Danielle mentioned that she liked the small door prize items. The board discussed how to better share all that TEF does at the event. A discussion was also held regarding possibly moving the event to the Budweiser Event Center or First National Bank Exhibition Hall due to rising food and staff costs at Embassy Suites.

Kim gave an update on the Scheer Fund Golf Tournament. The sponsorship packet has been finalized and we're doing well on selling hole sponsorships. We need to finish selling the remaining hole sponsorships and could sell a lot more club sponsorships.

Lauren discussed the high school senior award ceremonies occurring on May 19th, 24th and 27th. Members from the board volunteered to help with the scholarship presentations at the ceremonies.

Kim gave an update regarding the TEF staff proposal – she submitted a request for another full-time staff member. She made her case to the district. The district let her know it depends on school and administration hiring needs. The job title for the new position may change from program coordinator to marketing specialist to better fit

district needs. If the new hire occurs, TEF will end its work with My Big Day. We would still have to use My Big Day for the Scheer Fund Golf Tournament in 2023.

Brian gave an update on the Finance Committee. The committee met and has some suggestions and questions for our financial advisor. After they get their questions answered, they will bring recommendations to the full board.

Board members in attendance discussed which Great Idea Grant projects they would like to move forward to the full board. Jason had to leave, so we no longer had a quorum. The vote to approve the Great Idea Grant projects will be moved to an e-mail vote.

In Other Business, Kim let the board know that Loveland Aleworks is looking for sponsors for the nonprofits at their Fest of Ales event in July. Please let her know if interested.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.