

Northwest Regional Education Service District Foundation Regular Meeting

Time/Date: 4-5:30 on Thursday, Nov. 14

Location: Cascade, Columbia and Pacific Academies
14255 SW Brigadoon Ct. Beaverton, OR 97005

Cascade, Columbia and Pacific Academies Visit (4-5 p.m.)

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| 1. Meet and greet with staff | Cara Olson-Sawyer |
| 2. Tour of schools and Columbia Academy playground | Cara Olson-Sawyer |
| 3. Presentation about the schools and students and the food pantry | Cara Olson-Sawyer
Patricia Burros |

Foundation Meeting (5-5:30 p.m.)

Welcome

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| 1. Call to order | Jeff Condit |
| 2. Review agenda | Jeff Condit |

Discussion and Action

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| 1. Approve Sept. 26 Annual Meeting Minutes | Jeff Condit |
| 2. Miller Nash Fundraiser Gala | Jeff Condit |
| 3. Treasurer's Report | Yuen Chin |

Adjourn

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Sept 26, 2024 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Location: zoom meeting

Attendees:

Jeffery Condit, president

Karen Foley

Nancy Ford

Andi Miller

Tracey Goldner

Christine Riley

Yuen Chin

Dan goldman

Andi Miller

Miriam Meneses-Rios

Nancy Ford

Yolanda Coleman, Guest

Huxley Shelton, Guest

Absent:

Katie Riley

Joe Christy

[Approve June 26 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)

Karen Foley welcomed the board and guests to the first meeting of the school year and requested a motion to approve the June 26th meeting.

Nancy Ford moved to approve the minutes.

Andi Miller second the motion.

The Board unanimously agreed to approve the meeting minutes from June 26, 2024. Motion Approved.

Diverse Educator Pathways Scholarship

Karen welcomed Yolanda Coleman, Talent Acquisition and Retention Administrator from the Diverse Educator Pathway Program (DEP). Yolanda shared with the board more information on the DEP program, the team, and their goals.

Program Goals:



Designed to fill critical shortages of bilingual and/or culturally competent teachers in the counties we serve through an innovative and collaborative “grow your own” program. The program aims to increase educational equity and culturally sustaining pedagogy and practice across the country by improve the racial and linguistic

Program services

- Internships
- Free credit-bearing college courses
- Academic success mentors
- Pd opportunities
- Affinity spaces
- Affinity retreat
- Scholarships
- Additional support and initiatives dependent on funding and participant feedback.

Questions from the Board:

Q: How do we know what we supported? Did the kids [that were awarded scholarships in the past] get a job eventually? Did they get a job working with kids?

A: Yes, we have had students move on into the classroom and that is a data set that we will be working on this year. We have students in the classroom in Hillsboro and in Tigard-Tualatin that had gone for the DEP program, had been supported, and have now returned to those home locations and are classroom teachers. We will be connecting with them so we can get a picture of their classrooms and maybe get some words from them.

Q: How will the funding work this year? In the past the money has been sent to the university directly, are you going to do that again or is it looking more like an internship?

A: It will be up to the student to decide what will be most useful for them. Depending on the agreement, some schools keep the money for a certain period of time until the tuition has been paid. Our hope is that students have access to the money sooner rather than later for tuition, books, school supplies etc.

Q: What is your volume of interns trying to get through in a year?

A: It will usually be a Junior or Senior in highschool or a Freshman or Sophomore in college that are most impacted by this. The districts usually support the students in this as well. One year, the foundation provided a scholarship to a student from a smaller district that didn't have the funds to support that student. I'm hoping that we as the ESD do some of our own sponsoring as well and partner with community-based organizations that are also supporting our school districts. I see it going more that way, helping someone whose school district doesn't have the funds to support their students.

Q: What is the timing of your needs?

A: It could be for next summer, but we are also looking to provide some Fall internship opportunities. We are piloting a fall program with some funding we received from our STEAM program that we will be hosting along the coast. That will be to host a highschool student to go and support in their elementary school during the school year. So instead of just a summer internship, we could host a student during the winter or spring to support a local school. We hope to pilot that out this year.

Q: Rather than just funding a certain amount to where need is greatest, would we be able to target something that we know really needs the dollar?

A: We could find a specific target: Students along the coast with less funding, for example.

Dan Goldman, NWRES D Superintendent shared that we have 259 students in this program and it's highly successful. Something to keep in mind is that these become large costs for small districts year over year. It doesn't always happen for those kids without outside support like this.

Costco/Kroger grant request

Tracey introduces Huxley Shelton, Grand Developer at the ESD. Huxley provides free technical services to the ESD and component districts to help apply for grant funding and other projects. A project they are currently supporting is the CasPac Food Pantry Project. Cascade Pacific Academies are 2 of ESD's Social Emotional Schools in Beaverton and they serve students from multiple school districts and provide behavioral support and help kids with social emotional needs.

Costco Grant

The CasPac Food Pantry project is an in-house project entirely teacher led program. They help families that attend their schools with food insecurity needs. Over the last year they have served Latinx, Spanish-Speaking, low income families. They currently don't have a program budget, so it's a passion teacher led project to meet the family needs. The focus is on providing non perishable food items; their goal is to shop for and deliver non perishables monthly to help feed families.

There aren't a lot of grants for programs like this, but there is a Costco grant that will provide some funds that will help support this program but it requires a 501c3. So the CasPac Team is requesting to partner with the foundation to apply for the Costco grant. Huxley would apply for this grant filling out the applications but it will be submitted with foundation as the main applicant and by passing the funds through the foundation. Huxley would need some business information from Yuen and they will also take care of any reporting.



Kroger Community Project

As you shop, you can help support local nonprofits. Peers and families can help support other families through introducing a community shop for families or campaign, and advertise to NWRES D as well.

The ask from the CasPac Food Pantry team is if the foundation would be willing to allocate a quarterly portion of their proceeds to the food pantry and in return the schools and ESD will increase advertisement.

Feedback from the Foundation Board

In regards to the Costco Grant, Jeff Condit, shared that this is right up the Foundation's alley and asked if anyone on the board moves to approve this request.

Nancy Ford moves to approve
Andi Miller seconds the motion.

The Board unanimously agreed to approve the request to apply for the costco grant. Motion Approved.

Q: Would we disclose our donors to costco? What do they want to know?

A. Seems like they would need a basic overview of the sources of income and how you're operating. Huxley will double check the extent of the information they are looking for and come back to the foundation board and clarify any questions.

The Kroger Community Project

The foundation has it set up so that any individual signed up through the Fred Meyer Rewards program can designate a percentage of their spend to go to a charity.

The board would like to review the budget report before making a final decision. They will follow up with Huxley after the board has had the opportunity to to discuss. Currently considering, if we can increase the revenue by \$250 we will set aside \$50.00 for the food pantry.

Miller Nash Fundraiser Prep and Date

Jeff shared with the board that any Wednesday or Thursday in March is free to hold the Miller Nash Fundraiser on except for the last week (spring break) and Marissa would be the staff support person.

Feedback from the board:

- At the last meeting, the 13th was preferable, but not able to work with Jeff and no longer works for Yuen.



- Dan shared that March 12th, the ESD has a Board meeting, March 13th there are meetings with Clatsop and Astoria for district business, March 19th Dan will be in Tillamook, but March 20th could work and March 5th also works.
- Yuen is not able to meet the 5th or 6th of March.
- Andi is not able to attend March 13th or 20th.

The board agreed to aim to host the Miller Nash Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 19th.

Review 2024-25 calendar

Jeff introduced the proposed calendar and asked if anyone has any issues with these dates? The board shared the following feedback:

- Karen visiting schools was during her president time and could be changed to the board visiting schools, if that's something the board would like to do.
- Dan shared that it is a great idea and allows people to share their program and talk about what they do. Other programs to visit are outdoor school programs and food pantry CasPac.
- Add the fundraising committee meetings every week before the event for the committee to discuss the tasks starting in February.
 - Fundraising committee: Nancy, Andi, Tracey, Grant, and Katie
- Double check with Joe to make sure he's able to host the annual meeting on May 28th.

Treasurer's report:

For year end 06/30/2024:

- Cash balance of \$62,295
- Finished the year with \$39,645 in revenue which is over \$11k better than budget
- Increased revenue helped us do over \$14k better than budget in net income

As of 08/31/2024:

- Cash balance of \$65,201
- Revenue year to date of \$2,906
- Over \$2k better than better on revenue and net income

Next Meeting:

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Next Steps:

- Put an agenda item in the next meeting to discuss the Costco scholarship so that we can set parameters on what we can support.



- Set up a meeting at CasPac for November 14th, to learn about the food pantry and tour the school and talk with some of the teachers. With enough advance notice people can make it to a sooner meeting at 3pm. Tracey will talk with Cara, the principal.
- Set up meetings for the fundraising committee to meet in November to talk about the December reception.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30p