

Eureka Schools Foundation
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Operating Committee
Wednesday, September 10, 2008

**Next meeting:
October 8, 2008, 5:30pm, at the Eureka Schools District Office.**

The Operating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Eureka Schools Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 5:30pm at the Eureka Schools District Office, 5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, California.

Attendance:

Judi Gavia, President, called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Present at the meeting, from the Operating Committee, were Judi Gavia, Julie McAvoy, Greg Sazima, Denise Zboralske, Marisa Schorer, Colleen Israel and ex-officio member Superintendent Tim McCarty and Board of Trustees Representative Lori Dangberg..

Also present were Mary Hart, Julie Guerrero, Renee Nash, James Diaz, Gloria Costigan, Marie Miller, Sherri Goode, Amy Davito, Heidi Biermann, Jennifer Mobell, Jenn Arey and Kate Gould.

Since there is no quorum, we will vote on the August minutes at the October meeting.

Spanish Language Program

Heidi Biermann reported that she has 65 Greenhills students signed up for the Spanish Language class, 74 from Maidu, 97 from Oakhills, 69 from Eureka, 61 from Excelsior and 74 from Ridgeview. She is conducting two teachers training sessions and there will be a parent orientation at the end of the month.

Website

Julie Guerrero has contacted two website companies to help her and James Diaz develop the new ESF website. Their goal is to get it up and running ASAP. Julie is looking for a RFP committee to help pull this all together. The GBIT Club at GBHS is unable to respond in a timely manner for us.

Auction

Gloria Costigan reported that auction preparations are running smoothly. She showed us the beautiful invitations that were donated by *Print Infinite!*. *Celebrations* is also giving us a 10% discount. Solicitations are pouring in, with a due date of Sept 26th, so they can get in the catalog. Sherri Goode and Barbara Hayes have the on-line auction going smoothly, as well.

The reservation process is going to be a bit different this year, going back to the way it was for the first few ESF Auctions. Instead of just sending in your reservation, we will be accepting reservations in-person at the EUSD office on Saturday morning, October 11th, beginning at 7:30am. There will be a few VIP tables, available at a premium of \$150 each (instead of \$100 each), being accepted at 7:00am that morning. The reason they are doing this, is because of the smaller venue and fewer tickets available. If the reservations were all just sent in, it would be hard to know where to cut – off the overflow.

Annual Giving

Judi thanked Jennifer Mobell for all her work on the Annual Giving campaign the last couple years. Julie Guerrero will be heading up the Annual Giving Campaign next year.

Golf Tournament

Need: Judi Gavia reported that they still need a Golf Tournament Chair. John Barron and Trevor Sanders will help out this year, but after chairing it for the past three years they feel that new blood needs to come into this role. They have a complete template for the chair to use, which will make for a smooth transition.

All Board Members need to work on obtaining new chair people, so this event can continue. It is important to get the new chair people involved right away, so that they can be ready for the tournament in May. If you can do this, or you know someone who can do this, please contact Julie Guerrero at 223-4155 or julieguerrero@surewest.net.

Home Tour

This event will be tabled for 2009, with the hope of picking it back up in the following years.

Country Faire

Judi Gavia said that she has a couple people that may be interested in chairing this event. She will have more information next month.

Corporate Sponsorship

Judi Gavia announced that Cheryl Nelson will be working with Tom Cologna, to help expand our corporate sponsorship base.

Treasurer's Report:

Denise Zboralske distributed the Treasurer's Report and a current Profit and Loss chart for each ESF event. We have \$632,398 currently available for allocations, divided among our Wells Fargo accounts and our Fidelity accounts. We also have \$658,341 in our Endowment and \$42,454 is currently available for grants.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Tim McCarty presented his plan for the EUSD – “Vision and Pathways.” He stressed that collaboration and critical thinking are key, and that teamwork skills are more valuable than academic skills for our children. He has developed a program encompassing those beliefs with “Pilot Teachers.” Pilot teachers are teachers who volunteered to become part of the magnet district, and there is at least one at each school. These classrooms will be emphasizing “sound and sight,” by teaching in a 21st century classroom with Promethean Boards and sound systems to aid teaching.

Dr. McCarty warned us that there will be cuts in the future.....nurses, aides, staff, etc. Something has to give. Culturally, he knows this is going to be hard for parents to accept. The EUSD has historically had high reserves and increasing enrollment...but this has changed. They have already stripped positions at the District level, so it will have to trickle down. He realizes that parents want unlimited programs for their children, but we need to realize that the EUSD’s resources are very limited. ESF has to help get that information out.

What can ESF do to help this situation? Dr. McCarty said that ESF can help EUSD by supporting the magnet programs and pilot teachers. Training for all teachers would be beneficial at summer institutes. Promethean Boards in the math classes, would also be helpful.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Operating Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

Judi Gavia, President _____

Julie McAvoy, Secretary _____