



**Eureka Schools Foundation**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 2009 Operating Committee**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**

The Operating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Eureka Schools Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, held its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the Eureka Schools District Office, 5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, California.

***Attendance***

Greg Sazima, President, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present at the meeting, from the Operating Committee, were Greg Sazima, Renee Nash, Marisa Schorer, Dina Burns, Judi Gavia, Warren Holt, Jennifer Mobell, Phil Johnson, and ex-officio members Lori Dangberg and Superintendent Tim McCarty.

Also present were T.C. Beier, Eric Teed-Bose, Tom Cologna, Kelly Byars, Connie Whalen, Ritu Atwal, Mary Hart, Lyn Kleinbach, Robyn Harris, Michelle Flanery, Darren Clift, Craig Lyman, and ESF Executive Director Julie Guerrero.

***Minutes***

*MOTION* : After Renee Nash made a motion to approve the October minutes as presented, it was seconded by Jen and approved by the Board.

***Board Changes***

There were no Board changes this month.

***Gratitude Break***

Greg started off by thanking Renee for all of her good work on the auction and presented her with a gift. Renee acknowledged Rita Atwal and Michelle Flanery for their unbelievable work on auction décor. She also thanked Jennifer Mobell for chairing and being so successful at the Online Auction. She thanked Dina Burns for her work on registration and check-in. She thanked Robyn Harris for her work in every respect, T.C. Beier for her work on all layout/materials/artwork, Jill Gong, Holly Cuthbert, and especially Connie Whalen who served

as Solicitations Chair. Chemene Phillips was also recognized for her work in many aspects of the auction.

Renee then announced her selection for Vice President next year – Warren Holt. The announcement was greeted with enthusiasm and appreciation by the Board.

### ***Superintendent's Report***

Dr. McCarty will be making a presentation to the Board on December 8<sup>th</sup>, which will recommend \$2 million in cuts; last year there were \$1.2 million in cuts. He will be making very specific announcements about cuts. From January 10<sup>th</sup> on, there will be very concrete examples of cuts presented to the community. Dr. McCarty is seeing strong partnerships between PTC members and Foundation members, and increased teacher and principal participation, and he believes that all parties understand that the stakes are high this year.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Craig Ryder was not able to attend, but Greg reported in his absence. He is still looking for operational assistance, both on an ongoing and one-time basis.

### ***Reports***

*Auction:* The auction was a big success, raising over \$135,000. If not for the loss of corporate sponsorships, the event would have been comparable in terms of monies raised to previous year. Renee specifically talked about Fund-a-Need, which raised \$16,000, compared to about \$5,000 a few years ago at its inception. Renee is greatly encouraged and hopes it spills over to Annual Giving. Jen talked about Online Auction, which ran higher than last year's total gross and with 200 fewer items! Jen needs volunteers for Friday morning to distribute items. Jen thanked a number of people, including Jill Gong, Margot Birch, Chemene Phillips, Mark Goozen, Kelly Byars, Ann Wong, Barbara Hayes, Trisha Egan, Janelle Willing, T.C. Beier, Mary Hart, Julie Guerrero, Connie Whalen, and Renee. Renee is preparing for the Art Auction which is February 19 at Bayside. Margot will be chairing the auction in 2010, and there will be a number of changes.

*Allocations:* Judi reported on the response to the allocation announcement from the schools. All schools are planning on utilizing the money in ways that will benefit students.

Connie introduced Darren Clift. He is one of our new interns and is taking on a project to update the ESF DVD, including shooting footage and editing it.

*Corporate Fundraising:* Greg reported for Cheryl. Kaiser is a new corporate sponsor at \$5000 thanks to Greg's efforts.

*Golf Tournament:* Warren reported on the foursomes and is up to 25. He is trying to push above 30. Everything is going well.

*Faire/5K:* Greg and Renee talked about the future of the Faire, which was originally envisioned as being held every two years. Last year we discussed potentially discontinuing the Faire due to its need for many volunteer but lower financial gross, but it was decided to continue the Faire with some revisions. The Faire is great for community goodwill but low “bang-for-the-buck.” Tom Cologna questioned whether scaling the event back would remove some of its allure as a vibrant community event. Renee responded that she believed it could be scaled back without minimizing its impact. Phil Johnson talked about the possibility of farming certain aspects out to private parties without dramatically affecting revenue. TC mentioned taking out certain rides; Renee and Connie responded that it was not really feasible. There was a discussion about numerous elements and ideas that might help to fine-tune the Faire. Greg suggested pulling together an ad-hoc committee to present a plan to the new Board.

***Next Meeting:***

There is no meeting scheduled for December. The ESF Holiday Party will be held at Greg and Tracy Sazima’s house, 12/4/09 at 6 :00 p.m.

***Adjourn***

There being no further business to come before the Operating Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

***Attest:***

Greg Sazima, President \_\_\_\_\_

Dina Burns, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

**Next meeting: January 13, 2009, 5:30 p.m.**