

West Fargo Education Foundation Transitional Board Summary of 04.30.12 Meeting

Attendees: Mark Lemer, Patti Stedman, Allison Otteson, David Flowers, Gary Clark, Greg Tehven, Sydney Greenlund, Kay Kiefer and Heather Konschak // Clint Schmidt and Jimmy Hoy (via phone)

- 1) At the close of the April 2 meeting, community member Greg Tehven had assigned all transition board members to one of three focus areas, and asked them to brainstorm ideas for their respective areas before the next meeting.
- 2) The purpose of the April 30 meeting was to debrief on those three key areas: How (Structure), Why (Purpose and Focus) or Who (Board Member Names).
- 3) Jimmy Hoy walked the transition board through the revised version of the bylaws. He and Mark Lemer explained the changes that had been made, and entertained discussion from the other members regarding additional changes. Before the next meeting, Jimmy and Mark will incorporate some of the additional changes discussed during the April 30 meeting, and will bring back a “final draft” of the bylaws for the group’s consideration.
- 4) Allison Otteson and Clint Schmidt shared their thoughts with the group regarding some key positions that should be included on the WF Education Foundation Board. Their ideas included local business owners, school counselors, university representatives, in- and out-of-state alums, well-recognized community members, someone with a legal skill set, someone with an accounting skill set, someone with an organizational and technical skill set, professional fundraiser, someone with a government affairs skill set, WFHS Hall of Fame member, School Board representative, etc. Their list sought to encompass a broad spectrum of people that not only represented the community as a whole, but who could contribute to the work of the Foundation.
- 5) The group tasked with brainstorming on the “Why” area is currently holding off on making too many plans until after the School Board approves of the revised Foundation structure and relinquishes control to the community group. This action is anticipated at the June 11 meeting.