

West Fargo Educational Foundation
March 20, 2017

Attendees (*in person*): David Flowers, Andrea Payne, Austin Schoenberg, Mark Berntson, Tim Peterson, Judy Kvaale, Emma Johnson, Mark Lemer, Heather Konschak

Guests: Stephanie Shea and Pam Cronin

Attendees (*via phone*): None

- 1) Little Red Reading Bus Initiative: Presentation by Stephanie Shea
 - a. Mrs. Shea, an instructional coach for Eastwood Elementary, is looking for partners to make the LRRB initiative a reality for our community in summer 2018.
 - b. The LRRB is a library on wheels that brings books to kids during the summer months. Goals of the initiative include decreasing summer reading loss and increasing reading and achievement. Grand Forks Public Schools started the LRRB last summer, and it has been quite successful. Mrs. Shea is working with them to bring the concept to West Fargo.
 - c. The Foundation did award her a \$500 mini grant earlier this school year. Utilization of funds from the mini-grant has been mainly for promotional materials to secure additional donors. She has written multiple other grants to secure the actual red bus, computer system and digital resources, and books.

- 2) Grooters Impact Award: Presentation by Pam Cronin
 - a. With its first graduating class in 2015-16, SHS started the Mustang Impact Award (now Grooters). It is given to students that demonstrate co- and extra-curricular excellence, and who embody the essence of SHS. A team of parents and teachers review the nominations. Three awards were given to SHS seniors last year.
 - b. One piece of the Impact Award that hasn't yet come to fruition is the design and purchase of a perpetual plaque that will hang in the commons at SHS, to recognize all recipients of the award through the years. Dr. Cronin is requesting funds from what was donated through the Grooters Memorial to purchase this perpetual plaque.
 - c. Mark Berntson moved, seconded by Judy Kvaale, to allocate up to \$250 for the plaque. The motion was withdrawn in order to allow Dr. Cronin to provide a final design and cost estimate to the Foundation at their April meeting.
 - d. The Foundation received \$2340 (less system fees) through the Grooters memorial.

- 3) "Break the Silence" funds and usage

- a. The Olien family would like to donate \$800 to our middle school music programs. These funds are to be earmarked for music camp registration fees for students that would otherwise be unable to pay them.
 - b. Heather will follow up with Dr. Burgad regarding the family's wishes to run funds through the Foundation, or to donate directly to the CMS and LMS music programs.
- 4) The following items will be tabled until the April meeting:
- a. Mini grant guidelines – update from work group (Judy, Nancy, Tim)
 - b. Grant due dates
 - c. Alumni directory
 - d. Donation funds or silent auction items for Hall of Fame event updates
- 5) Spring mini grants - yes or no?
- a. Due to the timing, the idea of having two mini-grant award windows will be tabled until next year.
- 6) New Business
- a. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on Monday, April 17 @ 7:30 AM @ the Leidal Education Center.
 - b. Members requested a copy of the criteria for nomination to the WFHS Hall of Fame.