



Education Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, January 28, 2019 4:00 p.m.

Mount Rose K-8 School of Languages

915 Lander Street, Library

Reno, NV

1. Opening Items

- 1.01 Call to Order** – 4:08 p.m., Mount Rose K-8 School of Languages, 915 Lander Street Reno, NV
– Dave Bianchi

1.02 Roll Call

Present: Natha Anderson, Dave Bianchi, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Kendall Inskip, David Lasic, Charles Pasillas, Nanette Quitt, Ben Rogers, Michelle Sanchez Bickley, Eric Scheetz, John Slaughter, and Alex Woodley

Unable to Attend: Bill Cathey, Mariah Evans, Lauren Garfinkel, Kris Layman, Chris Morgan, Ann Silver, and Jill Tolles

Guests: Krissy Brown, Principal, Mount Rose K-8 School of Languages; Wendy Damonte, Vice President, Advocacy and Community Partnerships, Renown Health.

Torie Palmer and Kayla Wolfson, Education Alliance (EA) Pack Interns

- 1.03 Public Comment** – None at this time.

- 1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda** - It was **moved by Melissa Deadmond**, and **seconded by Alex Woodley** to Adopt the Agenda and remove Item 3.03 Approval of the 2017-18 Annual Report of the Education Alliance - **Motion Passed**. Natha Anderson, Dave Bianchi, Brent Boynton, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Kendall Inskip, David Lasic, Nanette Quitt, Ben Rogers, John Slaughter, and Alex Woodley all voted Yea.

2. Reports

2.01 President's Report

Dave Bianchi thanked Ben Rogers and other Board members who signed up to speak in a classroom (nine total currently). Dave mentioned he attended a recent WCSD Budget Forum wherein Board Members Joe Cline and Alex Woodley indicated they attended as well.

2.02 Executive Director's Report

Kendall Inskip introduced the newest EA interns, Torie Palmer and Kayla Wolfson, both being paid through grants received from Nevada Career Studio Pack Internship program, to work on marketing/public relations/communications and Data Profile/White Paper respectively.

Kendall reported EA received a charitable donation of \$15,000 from the Sean and Jennifer O'Neal Family Foundation to support the Teachers' Warehouse and teachers. EA will be establishing criteria for grant expenditure and she discussed the idea of awarding ten \$1,000 grants to teachers through an application process and the remainder spent on stocking the Teachers' Warehouse with the most requested items on the survey.

SkillsUSA Nevada is Wednesday, April 10th from 8:00 to noon, Kendall asked for volunteers from the Board to judge the EA-sponsored Job Interview Competition.

Three Board members are terming out at the end of June, she asked for recommendations for new members from the Board.

Kendall announced a CPA has been secured to do the EA Form 990 Taxes, Paula Ward, formerly with the district now retired.

Kendall shared she was invited to speak on a panel at the statewide Silver State Grant Conference on January 11th at Silver Legacy on the topic of benefits of being credentialed. She also announced she has completed her Masters of Science in Management and Leadership.

Kendall thanked Dave and Brittani for representation at the EA booth at ALLiance on January 23rd at the Convention Center hosted by the Reno+Sparks Chamber, RSCVA, and the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority. Numerous contacts were made for Principal for a ½ Day and our other programs.

2.03 Member Reports: None

3. Consent Agenda Items

3.01 Approval of Consent Agenda Item 3.02

3.02 Approval of the Minutes from the November 19, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Eric Sheetz moved and **Brent Boynton seconded** to approve the Consent Agenda item 3.02. 3.03 was removed. **Motion Passed.** Natha Anderson, Dave Bianchi, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Kendall Inskip, David Lasic, Charles Pasillas, Nanette Quitt, Ben Rogers, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Eric Scheetz, John Slaughter, and Alex Woodley all voted Yea.

4. Items for Presentation, Discussion, and/or Action

4.01 Presentation of Information About the Programs Available to Students at the Mount Rose K-8 School of Languages – Presented by Principal Krissy Brown (For Presentation and Discussion Only)

Principal Krissy Brown explained Mount Rose is a Blue Ribbon School, based on their test scores, and is the only K-8 school in Washoe County. She also explained they are a Spanish immersion school and this year they offer AP Spanish to their 8th graders.

4.02 Presentation of Update on Healthy Nevada Project, a community-based health study using genetics, environmental data and individual health information to create a healthier Nevada. Discussion may include collaboration efforts between the Project and the Education Alliance – Presented by Wendy Damonte, Vice President Advocacy and Community Partnerships, Renown Health (For Presentation and Discussion Only)

Michelle Sanchez Bickley introduced Wendy Damonte. Wendy explained Renown is a not-for-profit healthcare organization. The Healthy Nevada project started in 2016, over 40,000 Northern Nevadans have been tested. They are notifying patients now if they are positive for certain genes that increase the risk for heart disease and certain cancers. Renown has created partnerships with the following providers to strengthen their community involvement and address our communities health priorities as outlined in their 2018-21 Community Health Needs Plan: Communities in Schools and Note-Able Music Therapy to address Mental Health concerns; Join Together Northern Nevada (JTNN) and Quest Counseling to address substance abuse concerns; Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Renown Healthy Concessions and Renown Exercise is Medicine for aiding in physical activity, nutrition and weight concerns; and Northern Nevada HOPES and Renown Medical Group for chronic disease and screenings.

- 4.03** Education Alliance Board Member Spotlight – Learning about Individual Board members regarding their path to support education. Member Spotlight: Nanette Quitt. Dave Bianchi introduced Nanette Quitt. Nanette gave a brief background story of how she became interested in education and the Education Alliance.
- 4.04** Report on the financial status and proceeds from the 2018 Run for Education held on October 21, 2018. Kendall provided an update on the Run for Education: 8,500 attendees; 3,500 runners with 2,800 of them being students; 90 schools; 400 volunteers; 56 financial and in-kind sponsors. The group discussed the safety issues and first-time hiring of Desert Sky Adventures. This years' Run will be on Sunday, October 20, 2019.
- 4.05** Discussion and Possible Action on the Distribution of Funds to Schools of the Washoe County School District from the October 21, 2018 Run for Education Through the Education Alliance Kids in Motion Program. Kendall walked through the Run for Education Proceeds Report: raised a total of \$120,324 (sponsorships and donations \$63,400 and registrations \$56,924); \$80,797 in-kind donations; awarded \$12,000 in grant funding. Kendall pointed out expenses came in under budget by approximately \$7,236, and staff secured ten new sponsors. Qualifying elementary school total 51 making them eligible for a Kids in Motion (KIM) Grant of \$2,000 each. While the loss of Transforming Youth Recovery's presenting gift (from \$25,000 to \$1,500) made for a shortfall of \$8,956, Kendall indicated there were enough funds remain in the account to make it up while leaving a balance of \$32,500 for the 2019 Run. As well, Walmart Foundation grants could come in this spring, and she is still working with a couple of additional donors.

Alex Woodley moved and **Natha Anderson** seconded to fund the KIM Grants at \$2,000 for the 51 qualifying elementary schools. **Motion Passed.** Natha Anderson, Dave Bianchi, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Kendall Inskip, David Lasic, Charles Pasillas, Nanette Quitt, Ben Rogers, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Eric Scheetz, John Slaughter, and Alex Woodley all voted Yea.

- 4.06** Update and Discussion on Principal for a ½ Day, February 7, 2019 – Michelle Sanchez-Bickley Michelle provided an interim report on Principal for a ½ Day 2019. There are currently 91 matches and two more executives are needed. She also stated at the Day in Review at Renown Health Mack Auditorium, the Partner Mapping Tool may be unveiled and we want to utilize a Poll Everywhere electronic survey. She also thanked the sponsors providing food/beverages as well as donations for same, along with WCSD Communications for videographer services. Kendall thanked Renown Health for hosting the Day in Review, sending executives and for providing raffle prizes. Kendall stated she still needs someone to go to Natchez. Brent offered to invite Siobhan McAndrews to Principal for ½ Day. Three Partner in Education PiE Champions have been selected from nine nominees for 2019: THE ROW, Assistance League Reno–Sparks, and NV Energy.
- 4.07** P-16 Advocacy Council Update and Discussion of current projects – Joe Cline, Co-Chair Joe gave a brief history of the P-16 Advocacy Council and the Education Alliance as well as an overview on current projects, including a presentation slide show (available upon request) on the White Paper on comparator districts that Intern Kayla Wolfson will be working on. This White Paper will compare Washoe County School District with similar districts across the country. Brent offered to serve as spokesperson when it is time to distribute this information.

5. Closing Items

5.01 Closing Comments by the Board President or Executive Director

Dave Bianchi thanked Nanette Quitt for sharing her story for the Board Member Spotlight. Kendall Inskip said she would share any Legislative Updates she receives from the District. Natha Anderson announced WEA will be “Red for Ed” on President’s Day in Carson City and invited all to join them at this non-partisan event.

5.02 Next Meeting of the Board of Directors: Monday, February 25, 2019, 4:00 pm, Washoe Education Association, 1890 Donald Street, Reno.

5.03 Public Comment – No public comment.

5.04 Meeting Adjourned 5:32 p.m.

Dave Bianchi, President

Date