

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 30, 2023 MEETING
THE KITTITAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Clerf at 6:30 pm in library of Kittitas Secondary School. Members present were Tim LaGrange, Doris Clerf, Cheryl Salta, Wayne Bulter, Alice Huss, Bea Fairburn, Joyce Palelek, and Steve Hart. Guests included Ann Leichleiter, Boys and Girls Club volunteer.

The minutes from the previous meeting and the current financial report were presented and approved. The unrestricted fund has \$5,738 available for this year's applications.

There were 4 mini-grant requests from teachers and a proposal from Kittitas Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and one from Boys and Girls Club submitted and presented to directors for their review and consideration:

MINI-GRANTS	COST	SUBMITTED BY
Books for 6 th Grade	\$300	Kirsten DeKoning
Microscope kits	\$275	Ellie Lashman
STEM supplies	\$225	Katy Bremmer
Life Skills Field Trip	\$600	Barb Schmidt
PROPOSALS		SUBMITTED BY
Funding a new swing set		Shanna Brist Elementary PTO
Kittitas After-School program		Ann Leichleiter Boys and Girls Club

Jack explained that PTO President, Shanna Brist, had previously contacted the Foundation about assistance in funding a new swing set for Elementary playground. The Foundation did have \$850 in restricted fund earmarked for playground equipment. After contacting Bea Fairburn, donor of that money, for her approval, that \$850 was pledged to PTO project. Shanna submitted a request for additional funding from the Foundation's unrestricted fund for the same project. That request was sent the day of meeting and is attached to minutes.

Ann was asked to describe the Boys and Girls Club after-school program. Questions were asked about the various facets of program including scope and site of program and if any funding from Foundation would go only to Kittitas program. Ann assured directors that program was using school modular building and any Foundation money would be used exclusively for Kittitas.

Discussion followed on how the Foundation's unrestricted money could best be allocated. Joyce made a motion to fully fund all of the teachers' mini-grant projects at the amounts submitted, a pledge of \$1,500 to Boys and Girls Club conditional that it be spent specifically on Kittitas program, and a pledge of \$2,500 to Kittitas Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for swing set. Steve Hart seconded it. Motioned passed without dissent.

Jack reported on the following:

- Doris Clerf made another generous donation to the Endowment Fund.
- The Foundation's link on school's website will be updated with most recent minutes and financial statements and membership roster.
- Foundation continues to be registered with Secretary of State as accredited non profit.

The Foundation would also like to thank all who submitted mini-grant proposals and Tim, Wayne, and Jenny LaFrenier, Elementary Principal and staff for their time and efforts to compile, review and present those applications. The Foundation would also like to acknowledge the gifts made by Doris Clerf, Bea and Wayne Fairburn, Judy and Gerry Webb, Steve and Brenda Hart, Joyce Palelek, and Duane and Marge Skeen, and the continuing contributions from Lisa Taylor through paycheck deductions.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

PTO SWING SET FUNDING REQUEST

My name is Shanna Brist and I am the Kittitas Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (KES PTO) President. I am reaching out because we are seeking help with acquiring funds for a new swing set for the elementary school. Since last year we have been working to fundraise money to have a new swing set in where the new playground was installed. There wasn't one that was installed with the rest of the playground and we have been asked if we could work to get one in there. So far we have raised \$5,522.83 (we should be getting another check for another \$2,500 I believe though). This also doesn't include the \$850 that was donated by Bea Fairburn. After doing some research and talking to people the quote that we have to get a set in is approximately \$20,000. This would include not only buying the swing set but also the installation and the bark chips and I believe inspection of some sort. The Vice President of the Parent Group has been working on getting the quotes and information for us, and he is still trying to get some numbers together but this is what he has been able to gather so far and get to me. So we are needing about \$11,000 more to be able to get one. In January I am going to be looking into getting a grant from the Legend Casino Yakama Cares Foundation. They take their applications from January to March and award the grant money in May. I am going to see if we can get a grant of some sort from them as well to help with the cost. Thank you so much for taking the time to look into helping us and helping raise the money. We appreciate it so very much. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,
Shanna Brist