

GRAFTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 8, 2012

GHS Library Media Center

I. Call to Order

B. Hoffman called the meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. This is a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Voting Board Members Present: Mike Cibulka, Bob Hoffman, Lisa LaMaster, Julia McNally, Renee Riddle, Abby Schroeder, Steve Vepraskas, Mike Donahue

Non-Voting Board Members Present: April Shanks, Cristy Bauer

Guests Present: Dick Best, Shawna Parsons, Karen Walton, Steve McDonnell, Pam Wiziarde

II. Previous Meeting Minutes

R. Hoffman submitted the minutes from the April 3, 2012 meeting for review. M. Donahue made a motion, M. Cibulka seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried 8-0.

III. Treasurer's Report

M. Donahue presented financials as of April 30 2012. He recommended renewal of the 9 month certificate of deposit due May 16 2012. There were no objections. Mike noted that we still need the final 2011 Seeds to Harvest financials.

IV. Identification of 2012-13 Board of Directors

S. Vepraskas reviewed the names of all directors eligible to be reelected to a new two year term. They are: M. Donahue, C. Bauer, J. McNally, A. Shanks and R. Riddle. All of the eligible directors agreed to stand for another term and were reelected by 8-0 vote.

V. Election of 2012-13 Officers

S. Vepraskas reviewed the offices available and the following officers were elected 8-0: R. Hoffman, President; M. Donahue, treasurer. The post of Secretary remains unfilled at this time.

VI. Childrens' Clothing & Toy Resale

P. Wizarde reviewed the details of the upcoming Sale. Schedules have been distributed to the volunteers and there are currently 13 sellers enrolled. She reported that she has a project plan and the Board can expect a summary report upon the completion of the project.

VII. 2011 Grant Report

L. LaMaster and K. Walton reported that the final grant, Reality Store 2011-1, has been made and that actual expenditures on all 2011 grants were \$11,461 v. \$12,000 awarded. It was agreed that the excess of the 2011 grant money would be rolled into the 2012 grant pool.

VIII. 2012 Grant Awards

L. LaMaster and K. Walton shared the preliminary list of grant selections with the Board on condition that all information will be confidential until the grants are announced. There were 19 grant applications totaling \$66,000 requested. Nine requests totaling \$24,001 were selected and represented at least one grant from each school in the District. It was discussed and agreed that the excess \$599 from the 2011 grants would be awarded to help cover the cost of an I-Pad charging cart for one of the elementary schools. It was moved by C. Bauer, seconded by M. Donahue that grants totaling \$24,600.70 be awarded as recommended by the Grant Committee. Carried 8-0. Appreciation was expressed for the work of this Committee.

L. LaMaster reported that one of the elementary school grant requests that didn't make the final list dealt with Flag Etiquette. She has contacted a representative of the Rose-Harms Post of the American Legion to explore having them fund the request through GEF. The question has to be discussed with Post membership and we should know later this month. Motion was made by R. Riddle, seconded by M. Cibulka that the Flag Etiquette grant be added to the 2012 Grant list. Carried 8-0.

There was a discussion of presentation of the Grants and the potential use of oversize checks as we've done previously. A motion was made by M. Donahue to allocate \$300 for the Prize Patrol, seconded by S. Vepraskas and carried 8-0.

IX. One to One Technology Initiative

R. Hoffman led a discussion about the content of last month's presentation. It was concluded that we don't have a clear picture of where the District is and what their plans are at this point. It was agreed that we would revisit the question in a year to see if

there is progress and a clear direction that the District is advocating. Bob will draft a letter communicating our continuing interest in being informed about the direction that the District will be taking on this project.

X. Strategic Planning

D. Best distributed the draft work product of the group that met to distill and focus the previous discussions regarding this subject. He related the mission statements of the District and GEF and explained the action plan that was drafted based upon the small group discussions. He detailed each point and illustrated them with examples. R. Hoffman noted that we will continue to monitor the agendas for School Board meetings so we can attend their meetings when there are items of interest on the agenda.

XI. 2012 Seeds to Harvest

R Hoffman reported that the consensus of our group is to use food trucks as the core of our next event. There was considerable discussion revolving around the details of using the trucks, finding a location(s), whether our selected date (10/20/12) was still good, whether to use to allow alcohol, times to be open etc. In the end it was agreed that we would investigate using Veterans Park on 10/20/12 and running the event from noon to 6pm.

At that point R.Hoffman distributed a sheet to solicit volunteers to manage various aspects of the project. Many of the slots were filled. During the discussion, the point was made strongly that we need to maximize our public relations efforts. There was also extensive discussion about finding a major sponsor(s) to cover the fixed costs of the project.

XII. Additional Committee Reports

R. Riddle held a drawing for the two 2012 Packers tickets to be awarded to a 2011 volunteer. The winner was Michelle Sladky.

It was announced that C. Bauer will be helping to send out Alumni News in June and October. It was also suggested that it would be a good idea for GEF to have a bulletin board in each of the five District schools. It was also announced that Abby has agreed to build a Development plan for GEF.

XIII. Other Matters

R. Riddle suggested that we think about revamping our website using a new technology that would simplify making future changes or adding items. This technology would cost an estimated \$1,500

and has not been budgeted. For now, it will need to be a future consideration.

XIV. Adjournment

M. Cibulka made a motion that M. Donahue seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McDonnell
Secretary pro-temp