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Whatcom Intergenerational High School

Minutes

Finance & Fundraising Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday March 13, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Please take a moment of silence to ground in the ancestral homelands where you reside and extend your deepest gratitude to the Coast Salish Peoples who have cared for and protected our shared lands and waterways since time immemorial.

Committee Members Present
E. Zamora, J. Johnson (remote), K. Silberstein (remote)

Committee Members Absent
J. Ferrera

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Walker

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Johnson called a meeting of the Finance & Fundraising Committee of Whatcom Intergenerational High School to order on Thursday Mar 13, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Finance Reports

A. Review Financial Reports & Items for Board Ratification

K.Silberstein-

- Nothing specific that is different than prior months. Will go over them at the next board meeting for the full board.
- Will bring draft of 25-26 budget to the board meeting next week for review
- WIll follow up with draft

Board must vote on the Audit at next board meeting.

- Clean, no findings
- Only question is what OSPI is going to do with the $88K they may take back

III. Fundraising

A. Upcoming Events

Discussion around formats for fundraising this year and for next year:

E.Zamora hopes WIHS gets support for meals- the school is currently spending $140,000 on student meals for the 2024-25 SY.

- Breakfast and lunch are provided for all students, which is especially important as our target demographic includes low income families
- K.S. mentioned getting a grant from grocery stores for feeding students- Kroger, Albertsons, Haggen, etc.

J.Johnson said that the Board needs concrete info on what is need and by when-

- Setting dates of when WIHS needs the funding by
- Expectation of reaching out to 10 people, orgs, groups?
- Set amount of donations from each board member?

J.Johnson asked for a memo from WIHS with additional priorities and information around:

- Overview of school and who we serve
- Areas of financial need (prioritized for most important)

D.Walker discussed that the top areas of need include:

- School meals- breakfast and lunch
- Field trips
- School-wide camping trip(s) and Indigenous Language camp

- Transportation
- Curriculum development (PhBL, Indigenous, etc)

DW/JJ discussed how to break down the needs for field trips- food, entry fees, rental costs, transportation, activities, etc.

Discussion of building connections to local news organizations and WIHS social media management

- Offer stipend for Social Media management? Is it part of SchoolOps contract beyond enrollment?
- DW said that WIHS doesn't have a specific connection to local news organization, but may have people that could be reached out to
    - Consider inviting the newspaper in for a feel good story about the school? Interview some students, etc?
    - EZ- Fundraising hasn't been a priority of the school, but it needs to be. Need to showcase publicly what we are doing.

EZ mentioned reaching out to Mi Rancho, Cheba Hut, and Mod Pizza to see if they would do a percentage donation day for WIHS

Discussion to continue on strategies for alternative funding, since there is still so much upheaval with the state and federal government

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Walker