



CEF Board Meeting Minutes August 15, 2024

CANYONS EDUCATION FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

“Enhancing the educational experience for students of the Canyons School District through community partnerships and fundraising.”

Welcome, Introductions & Board Business: Quinn Sperry, Board Vice President

- Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2024 – vote
 - Motion to approve – Amanda Morton
 - Second – Greg Summerhays
 - All approve

New Board Member to vote on – SV Chamber member

- Chris Robinson, tourism, marketing, young kids in our district
- Don has worked with Chris and he is fantastic

Approval of new board member – vote

- Motion to approve – Don Willie
- Second – Shawn Newell
- All approve

Jeff Haney – we would like to invite you to the first day of school events

- red carpets and pencils provided for the schools
- it is a fun day, give high 5's and fist bumps
- we would love for you to welcome our students
- August 19 at all schools
- RSL and Royal players will be there at 6 of the schools
- 2 media sites – segments lined up every 30 minutes at Union Middle & Midvalley, segments with bus drivers, custodians, safety coordinators, foundation, nutrition, etc.
- Denise, will send link for sign up, even if it's full you can attend

District Update – Dr. Rick Robins, Superintendent

- Priorities and issues in the district
- Amazing to see what's going on in the Canyons – thank you for your support with new teacher day – the energy is great in the district
- So proud of all the great work

- Academic achievement has always been important
- Teacher salaries have increased
- One of our tenets is innovation - one thing is keeping your why but changing your what and how – we have to build on content knowledge but what other skills are necessary
- Need resources and space to do that – will make a huge announcement on August 20 that will help with this
- What motivates our students to engage and be successful – very innovative
- Funding is always an issue – tax rate is lower and belt is tightened which just makes it harder to fund
- Newcomer onboarding – picking up 20 newcomer students per week, impact is great, heavy load on our teachers and schools, how do we meet their needs better – major need to help these students
- Teen centers – support teens experiencing homelessness or have other needs, necessities supported at three high schools and three more will be added – approximately 2,000 homeless in district
- Chronic absenteeism still a major issue – poverty, absenteeism and student anxiety are biggest issues – elementaries down to about 20% and MS down to about 30% HS still at about 40% - still a struggle – major issue with grades, failing grades have dipped a little but not much since pandemic
- Multilingual not just students in the class – it's helping parents understand
- Question regarding translation devices that were on innovation grant: We couldn't fund what innovation grant asked for last year because translation device was not what district uses
- State and Federal programs works with our refugees and has an approved translator
- Suzanne – keep us in the loop about what we can do to reach out to legislatures to help with chronic absenteeism – we've moved away from compulsory education, and it has hurt us
- Believe it should be the law – decline and apathy happened after change in law – weight on teachers to accommodate students who miss is difficult
- Mila – do we lose UFA money off the top, off state WPU?

Golf Tournament

- Sold out – thanks to all who are sponsors at our tournament, we are at \$100,000 but we need higher end items for our auction, need them by Sept 12 or earlier
- Any volunteers - we can use help early in the morning and a few throughout the day - just send Denise an email if you can help and next meeting we will confirm
- Switched café ownership – everything is more expensive – no treats allowed ... so will need to be give under the table 😊

- golfer package will be separate package that everyone will want to have
- \$25 to purchase golfer package – with hidden treats
- Title, Gold and Silver all receive golfer package – foursome players will need to purchase
- we have reached out to Pepsi for drinks since Coca-Cola is not allowed on course
- We are potentially looking at other courses for next year
- Lunch – burger or chicken sandwiches
- Jade did tournament there in June and was able to do a dirty soda bar
- Do other courses do the same thing? We are hearing that other courses are starting to limit food from sponsors
- Need auction items
- Will get you a list of what we have

2025 Event – Greg Summerhays, Committee Chair

- Met and did research on speakers and locations – in lieu of announcement coming on 20th we are going to pivot to a more traditional gala and do a innovation gala the following year
- You will see it on the news, and we'll talk more later
- Want to increase our sponsorship amounts and the amount of attendees
- We will move locations
- We are scheduled for Zions tech center – thank you Mike – we can double attendees
- Will organically increase our sponsors

Foundation Report – Denise Haycock, Development Officer

- Back to School donation drives – we have about 10 drives right now
- Largest one with Cyprus, KUTV, Smiths, VW Southtown, - teacher supply, amazon wish list, cash
- Fox 13 – multiple districts
- LHM automotive group
- Young automotive
- Tres Gatos Coffee
- Multiple churches
- Our closet will be full but we need it to help the students throughout the year
- Dinner for students last night at the Road Home to meet the principals and students – Thank you Aaron and Hogan Construction for sponsoring the dinner
- Road Home renamed the Connie Crosby Resource Center – it was a real honor to be there for the name change and hear amazing impact Connie has had
- Scheels tailgate event – nice to work with our sponsors – fun event

- Talking about our ACE scholarship encouraging employees to participate – Millerbergs are helping with the fund
- Katie Lowder – Home for Heroes, \$5000 grant will be awarded in August
- Utah jazz – 200 pairs of Donovan Mitchell shoes
- Dowdle puzzles - 900
- Carl's Jr. VIP books – for special educators and golf tournament
- New teacher event – participated to introduce Foundation, gave out prizes at the trainings and let teachers know what we do
- Innovation Grants coming up – teachers can apply now, put the FUND Bus date on your schedule will send applications out end of September - October meeting will be final selection
- DonorsChoose day all day yesterday – still funding lots of teachers
- Apex nominations are open – please consider nominating a business, government official or Canyons employee for an award

Attendees

Bill Rappleye
 Quinn Sperry
 Mila Gleason
 David Blain
 Aaron Metcalfe
 Denise Haycock
 Mike Van Roosendahl
 Brenda Suta
 Brad Snow
 McKay Robinson
 Dr. Rick Robins
 Bonnie Billings
 Kris Millerberg
 Amanda Morton
 Greg Summerhays
 MariLee Ostrowski
 Shawn Newell
 Kim Bell
 Jade Teran
 Suzanne Harrison
 Chris Robinson
 Jeff Haney
 Don Willie
 Nikki Stevenson
 Katie Lowder - phone
 Marci Houseman - phone
 Andy Boyce - phone