

MINUTES

Canyons Education Foundation Board Meeting

1/16/2025 7:30 AM / Meeting held at CSD offices and called to order by **Fred Lowry**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Landon Bradfield, Brad Snow, Greg Summerhays, Katie Dahle, Jenn Andrs, Brenda Suta, Haeli Barlow, Fred Lowry, Mike Van Roosendaal, Brian Parker, Michelle Mitton, Bonnie Billings, Nikki Stevenson, Quinn Sperry, Rick Robins, Susan Edwards, Denise Haycock, Brooke Carn, Mckayla Snow

Phone: Bill Rappleye, Suzanne Harrison, Marci Houseman,

Excused: Andy Boyce, Dan C. Jorgensen, John Martindale, Amanda Morton, Mila Gleason, Katie Lowder, Don Willie, Kimberly Bell, David Blain, Shawn Newell, Aaron Metcalfe

Guests:

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & BOARD BUSINESS- Fred Lowry, Board President

- Recognition of everyone in attendance and on the phone. Jade Teran had to resign from the board as she has left FFKR.
- New Member vote- Our new board member is Haeli Barlow- Community Engagement Coordinator for Lone Peak Hospital and HCA Healthcare foundation, replacing Brian Lines. Motion to approve Haeli by Mike Roosendaal, seconded by Jenn Andrs. Haeli Barlow was unanimously approved.
- New Board of Education Representative- Welcome Katie Dahle as our new representative from the Canyons District Board of Ed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brenda Suta made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2024, meeting with a second from Greg Summerhays. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS / LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- Dr. Rick Robins & Susan Edwards

Legislative Session- At this point in time, it looks like Higher Ed and the Courts are going to be the main focus of the session. Yes, money has been pumped into education in the last few years, but it has been given with a prescription on how it should be spent. School safety is a big focus, but it is coming as almost unfunded to public education. We are also seeing that money is being taken away in small ways. Increment bills are being passed and given toward housing incentives, redirecting from public education. We will be keeping everyone updated through our email tracker. Link will be provided to board members after the meeting today.

- Question about Bill 102- establishing sunset dates for programs. How is the education community feeling? Susan has not had a chance to look at it yet, it is a new bill.
 - Beverly Taylor Sorenson programs are in question as to whether they will continue.

- Merit Pay Bill was passed last session. Our board has studied it and has voted to not participate. They chose not to because it benefitted charter schools more than public schools. The bill also benefits individual teachers instead of raising the whole. Our board has consistently used incentives that will raise the whole.

**Recorder was turned on at 7:54 during Susan's presentation.

Rick Robins- We have closed on the eBay campus, finalized on December 31, 2024. Our focus groups were a great success and shows the excitement of the opportunity we have as a district. Interviews are ongoing for the Director of the Innovation Center. Look for the announcement at the second February Canyons School Board meeting. It looks like fall 2027 will be the projected opening date. MHTN is the architect for the project.

Question- How have we budgeted for the Innovation Ctr? The Board will be issuing a lease revenue bond to pay for the center. We will also be selling a property in Draper, Midvale and the future sale of our current CTEC building.

FOUNDATION REPORT- Denise Haycock, Development Officer

Business- We will be presenting to the Board of Ed on May 6. This is when we review the year and share successes, and accomplishments from the year. During Feb board meeting, Marci Houseman will be doing a presentation on finding the why in board participation.

Endowment Account- We will be taking 10% of funds earned through fundraisers and put it into the endowment account. This year's amount will be \$16,000. We will need Fred and Quinn to sign off on that transfer after the meeting.

Scholarships- The foundation is currently facilitating 5 scholarships that run through us. Bright Star and Rising Star scholarships will be renamed as the Canyons Strong Scholarship. It reflects the message of students that show strength and overcome challenges to graduate. Canyons Strong is a districtwide theme for employees and student achievement. One scholarship per high school for \$2500. We will no longer have a \$3500 scholarship. Students will be recognized at the GALA. Applications are due Feb 28. They will be sent out on March 1 to the board to help with scholarship selection. Denise will be sending out a rubric. There will be a one week turn-around. This is an important part of what the Foundation does. Participation in scoring is greatly appreciated.

- Other Foundation scholarship is the ACE scholarship. It is for employees and one HS senior that wants to be a teacher. The scholarship is up to \$5000 per year for up to 4 years, tuition and fees only. The fund has grown, almost double from last year. From 15k to 30k.
- Millerberg Scholarship- 2000/year for 4 years. Focused on students that want to be either accountants or teachers.
- Bright Future Scholarship and Draper Chamber Legacy Scholarship from Bill Rappleye are also run through the Foundation.
- Dan Jorgenson has donated a Jordan High Specific scholarship for 8k/year.

Teacher of the Year- April 15. One teacher from each school will be celebrated. The foundation donates \$250 gift card to each winner, we also reach out to businesses for items to add to their gift bags. Posters at schools will recognize all donors. We are looking for donations of 50 items from each company, so the baskets are the same. Baskets are given in March when names are announced. Cyprus Credit Union is donating the additional \$2,000 for cash awards to the head winners from each level.

Holiday Giving- Thanks to the Larry H Miller Group, KSL Quarters for Christmas, Proof Point in Draper, Tres Gatos, CSD employees, multiple community and church groups. We were able to serve hundreds of students with \$50 gift cards, food and other necessities.

Donations- Holiday Oil, \$2K in gas cards, HCA Healthcare - \$10K grant for food, BIC – in-kind donation of pens and highlighters

Unified Sports- Tournaments are coming up. High School tournament on Feb 10 at CCHS. We will be looking for volunteer to help with serving lunch to all the athletes. Tournament starts at 9, lunch should be about 11:00 a.m. Canyons, Jordan and Murray districts will be represented.

Middle school tournament will be at Hillcrest HS on Feb 19, 2025. It should run 9-1. The Foundation will be providing lunch at this tournament also.

Fun Run- Superhero Theme. May 10 will be the date. Lone Peak has superhero capes that they will donate- about 1,000. Considering more of an inclusion fair to help bring in more students that are unable to participate in the run.

Golf Tournament- Sept 18, 2025. We are already getting sponsors. Denise to send beverage needs to Jenn Andrs.

2025 GALA MARKETING- Greg Summerhays, Committee Chair

- March 27 at the Zion's Technology Center
- Fundraising goal is \$150K. This will be funding the Foundation Innovation Grants and scholarships.
- Save the date has been sent. Theme is "The Future is NOW" Tables of 8, hoping for up to 400 attendees.
- Focus will be on Innovation Center and what it may look like. New director will speak and share the vision of what is being created.
- Denise is working on sponsors. Tracking document is up and running, committee will be working hard to get sponsorships. All board members need to help get sponsorships.
- Goal is to surpass 63K so an auction is not needed.
- Auction- Forgo doing the silent auction and focus raising money on a possible paddle raise or sponsorship extras.
- Photobooth- do we want to do a 360 or the traditional? McKayla will be researching price and options.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Brooke Carn, Administrative Assistant

Printed financials July through January 15, 2025

NEXT MEETING

February 20, 2025- Canyons District Offices

Motion to adjourn by Mike Van Roosendaal, seconded by Michelle Minton at 9:03am