

NEF Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Meeting via multiple emails July 29, 2024 – August 2, 2024 I

Location:

Attendance: PH – by phone, P – in person, Z - via Zoom

President C. McCandlish		T. Perkins - Chasse		MHS H. Taylor	
VP - Vacant		J. Van Anne EMC2 GRP		A. Evans	
Secretary K. Kehoe		NUSD Super A. Angelou		NUSD admin. H. Diaz	
Treasurer L. Goodman		MHS Princ. K. Strevell			
Gov Brd M. Varitek		DOES Princ. A. Geraci			
Gov Brd V. Serrano		NES Princ. R. Miller			
Past Pres. B. Goodman		J. Hodges			

Electronic meeting format put in place due to scheduling issues. President McCandlish issued the original email July, 29, 2024 at 0524 with the following items for review and discussion. On July 31, 2024 at 1810 President McCandlish sent out a final email with updates to each item.

Information Items

		Motion/2nd
Item 1:	The application for the Foundation to be recognized as a Tax Credit raising organization was submitted on July 10 224. No status as of yet.	
Item 2:	The email to school principals regarding Part I of the Ben Goodman Education Grants has been sent and the application window is open.	

Action Items

	Discussion	Motion/2nd
Item 1.	Minutes from the April 15th meeting. Please review and submit corrections to me as soon as possible. It was suggested to reword to "3 grants for each elementary and high school" 7/31/24 Item 1. Minutes from the April 15th meeting. Approve as submitted.	13 yea votes 0 nay, 3 people did not vote
Item 2.	Minutes from the June 20th meeting. Please review and submit	13 yea votes 0 nay, 3 people did

	<p>corrections to me as soon as possible.</p> <p>Correction requested changing H. Taylor to T. Perkins (by more than one person) that correction was made July 31, 2024 by KKehe</p> <p>Clarification was requested regarding amount and allocation, along with timing for the grants to read "Part I awards are three grants of \$750.00 for returning teachers, and will be awarded at August PD. Part II are three \$500.00 grants for new teachers, with the requirement that a returning teacher will mentor the new teacher through their process." That amendment was also made July 31, 2024 by KKehe</p> <p>7/31/24 Item 2. Minutes from the June 20th meeting. Approve as amended.</p>	not vote
Item 3.	<p>The recommended action is to hold the 2024 Ted Clancy Memorial High School Scholarship funds for Miss Adrianna Bedoy through the Fall semester 2025. Our winner, Miss Bedoy will need to delay her enrollment for the Fall Semester for medical reasons. Recommendation was made to change Fall to Spring 2025 in the event the recipient's situation changes sooner than expected. Also recommended not using student's name.</p> <p>Clarification of dates was requested.</p> <p>7/31/24 Item 3. The recommended action is to hold the 2024 Ted Clancy Memorial High School Scholarship winner funds available for use at her discretion until the end of the Fall semester 2025 if necessary.</p>	13 yea votes 0 nay, 3 people did not vote
Item 4.	<p>The recommended action is to provide a \$50 gift card to each teacher (includes specials) that have students for a full class period on each campus. Cards will be given to the school principal. There is no "receipt" requirement as we know you spend much more out of your pocket each year. This is just a token of the Foundation's appreciation for all you do for our students. I would recommend that out of that \$50 you consider paying your individual school PTSA/PTA dues. 100% school membership goes a long way to promoting our schools at the state level. The total cost of this is estimated to be roughly \$6,000.00.</p> <p>Some question if the 50.00 would be best as a gift card, a Visa or perhaps even a crisp 50.00 bill.</p> <p>Recommendation made to remove "I would recommend" line and</p>	13 yea votes 0 nay, 3 people did not vote J. Hodges was willing to abstain if needed as she has a stake in the outcome.

	<p>make the money truly no strings attached.</p> <p>Recommendation made to remove principal "middleman" so that teachers received the cards directly from an NEF board member. (By more than one person.)</p> <p>Recommendation to post on FB how they spent their money.</p> <p>Recommendation made to make an accurate count of teachers, and to have a check off sheet, along with gathering data for contact purposes for each teacher.</p> <p>Clarification was requested as to what constitutes "a full class period" and how that would impact HS teachers with multiple separate classes.</p> <p>7/31/24 Item 4. The recommended action is to provide a \$50 gift card/cash to each teacher on each campus. Presentation will be made by the NEF at a date TBD in the first quarter. There are currently 97 teachers in the District (34 NES, 24 MHS, 39 DOES). I would amend this to include any additional teachers hired in the first quarter due to the expected increase in enrollment from Wickenburg as they have announced they will not be providing transportation this year.</p> <p>A yes vote from V. Serrano</p>	
Item 5.	<p>The recommended action is to create a Supplemental Grant Program for the use of the NEF and Facebook as a fundraiser. District employees that choose to use the Foundation to raise funds for a specific organization benefiting NUSD students can only access those funds via submission of a grant request to the Foundation. Using the established grant request form, funds that are raised can be requested/used to fund projects benefiting students as requested by the organizer.</p> <p>The purpose for using the grant process is so that an individual(s) cannot use the Foundation for personal gain. Grants submitted to be funded can only access funds raised via Facebook for the amount raised, less fees charged by PayPal and/or Facebook and will not include additional Foundation funds, or costs to the Foundation.</p> <p>Recommendation made to turn in requests prior to holding fund raiser. (By more than one person) Concerns over a fundraiser already taking place without prior authorization. Suggestion for specific verbiage regarding costs incurred by NEF coming out of proceeds. Also the suggestion that this be on a separate web page to avoid confusion.</p>	13 yea votes 0 nay, 3 people did not vote

	<p>An example was asked for, for clearer understanding of the process.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the possibility of NEF collecting money via FaceBook, whether it still qualifies as acceptable use, and how are they differentiated from regular donations?</p> <p>A recommendation was made to tighten up language on what was acceptable causes for fundraising, i.e. not field trips, as those can be paid for by tax credit money.</p> <p>The question was raised of who would be monitoring/administering this program.</p> <p>7/31/24 Item 5. The recommended action is to create a Supplemental Grant Program outlining the use of the NEF on Facebook as a fundraiser/donation. District employees that choose to use the Foundation to raise funds for a specific organization benefiting NUSD students can only access those funds via submission of a grant request to the Foundation. Using a newly established grant request form, funds that are raised can be requested/used to fund projects benefiting students as requested by the organizer.</p> <p>The purpose for using the grant process is so that an individual(s) cannot use the Foundation for personal gain. Grants submitted to be funded can only access funds raised via Facebook for the amount raised, less fees charged by PayPal and/or Facebook and will not include additional Foundation funds, or costs to the Foundation</p> <p>A rough draft was attached to that email.</p>	
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Open Discussion

An extremely loose poll of thoughts regarding this meeting format was had and overwhelmingly folks enjoyed being able to read comments more than once, but agreed the "reply all" facet was a little confusing. By and large it was agreed that it worked, but in person meetings are still a better idea. Suggestion was made to try using Google Forms for voting in future and also to possibly have individual chats per item for clarity's sake.