

Greenwood Education Foundation Board Meeting Agenda

October 21, 2024

1. Call to Order

2. Treasurer's Report – Peter

3. Approval of Minutes – Amy

4. Monthly Icebreaker – Tiffany

A. The Power of Statistics – How to Incorporate a Statistic into the GEF Pitch

5. Committees

A. Special Events – Dawn & Chloe

1. Swing for the Green Update
2. Halloween Parade
3. Grateful for Greenwood

B. GEF Cares – Julia & Tracie

1. Highlight Mental Health
2. Coats, Cuts, Cookies
3. Food Insecurity Grant Update

C. Monte Carlo – Megan & David

1. Promotional Materials, Spreadsheet, Sponsorship dates
2. Board attendance

D. Grants – Amy

1. New Teacher Grants – funding
2. Grants update

E. Scholarships – Peter

1. Board discussion on process & onboarding agreement

6. Old Business

A. Changing fiscal year to end June 30th – Peter

7. New Business

A. Preparing 2025 Budgets – Peter

B. GEF Playbook – Joe

C. Raymond James Enhanced Savings Program – Peter

D. Investment Policies moving forward – Peter

8. Next Meeting Date - November 11th - 7:00 - administration building

ED REPORT - 10/21/24 Meeting:

Trunk or Treat- The bus garage trunk or treat will be held on Wednesday, October 30th from 6-8:30pm. Raptor Restoration has partnered with us on this project and has offered to purchase all decorations and candy/items to be passed out to kids. Our bus will be a Jurassic Park theme to play off their Raptor Restoration name! Board members are invited to help with the set up at 4:30pm that day.

Pacers Fundraiser- Fundraiser was launched Sept. 17 and is doing well! Schools have been receptive, and this has been a good bridge builder as we give back to various PTOs. Last report from Pacers rep on 10/3/24 was a total of 281 tickets had been sold, earning our school district \$2,446. GEF will split 50% of the profits with the PTOs & Southwest Elementary. The last day to purchase tickets is November 1st. Our school district will be presented with a check at the November 12th game. All board members are encouraged to attend.

Highlight Mental Health- A total of \$11,000 was raised in sponsorship for this event! Our expenses for this event were approx. \$3,069, giving us a healthy surplus to use on mental health programs. Daily activities were lined up for GHS students throughout the week including art therapy affirmation cards, minute to win it games, food & mental health affects, aromatherapy & breathing techniques, staff & student yoga, along with a variety of 988 swag to distribute. The resource fair/tailgate has a total of 9 vendor booths plus one student booth from the DECA club.

Milestones & Memories Event- The event is scheduled for November 13th from 4:30-6:30pm at GHS. All board members are encouraged to attend and network with the guests. Raymond James is sponsoring the event with a \$700 contribution. All board members are asked to invite a minimum of 10 guests to the event. The event will be free and consist of refreshments, networking, and self-guided tours of the school with stops highlighting GEF grants. Brief remarks will be made at 5:15pm. I would love help with the planning and organizing of the event.

Thankful for Teachers- The event is scheduled to kick off Oct. 30th and will run through the end of November. Jen Whitson will be the logistical organizer of the sales with various "runners" of the gifts throughout the month. Yard signs are being ordered to place in front of each school building to help promote the event.

JCCF Financial Report- The first financial report for our JCCF matching grant was due September 30th. The report was submitted on September 26th and included recent donations received from our alumni activity and the Estreem family donation. These donations pushed GEF to the finish line and we have met our financial responsibility of \$81,000. No further action is needed at this time for financial reports.

All Alumni Reunion- A meeting was held with Kathy Pendleton, Greenwood alum and organizer of the All Alumni Reunion that is held each July. She expressed her desire to continue with the planning of the event, but explained the challenges she faced with ticket sales since she did not have a platform to collect online payments. The Ex. Committee met to discuss partnering with the alumni organization to assist them with online ticket sales. This proves to also be beneficial to GEF as we are able to expand our database of alumni contact information for future communications. GEF will be permitted to have a table to represent at the event but will not be involved in the planning or execution of the event.

Bus Updates - The window decals were starting to peel in some areas. The bus was taken into SlyFox to be examined, and it was determined that full replacements were needed. All new window decals were put on at no cost.

Cares Mobile Haircuts - The mobile haircut program is ready to be put into service. We will pilot this program at GHS on October 25th. Jayden Gregor, a Greenwood alum & local barber, has volunteered his time. We are hoping line up 3-4 students for this first run.

Feed to Succeed Program - The INAPEF grant for \$2,000, plus \$2,000 from the Cares budget for food, has been allocated for a "Feed to Succeed" program. The goal of this program is to provide food assistance to our guidance counselors, behavior coaches, and special education teachers who are servicing students who become dysregulated throughout the day, are facing food insecurities at home, or are exhibiting other factors that are preventing them from being productive at school. GEF delivered the first month's supply on September 30th.

JCREMC Grant - A grant for mental health services was submitted to JCREMC on 10/15/2024 for \$2,500. This is to help provide additional funding outside of CDBG funds.