

Greenwood Education Foundation Board Meeting Agenda

March 9th, 2026

1. Call to Order

2. Treasurer's Report - Peter

3. Approval of Minutes - Amy

4. Monthly Icebreaker - Philanthropic Development - volunteer opportunities w/committees - Tiffany

4. Committees

A. Special Events - Dawn & Chloe

1. Bags & Bourbon Bingo Update

2. Rock the Block Update - Mike

B. GEF Cares - Julia & Tracie

1. No report

C. Monte Carlo - Megan & David

1. Final (almost) Revenue

2. Event Feedback

3. Thank you's/phone calls

D. Grants - Amy

1. No report

E. Scholarships - Peter

1. GEF Scholarships deadline - March 6th

5. Old Business

A. Mo's Beneficiary Dinner - May 14th @6:30

6. New Business

A. Executive Director Goals following review

B. GEF Information Session - March 16th @ 5:30

C. Committee Charters/Handbooks

7. Next Meeting Date - April 13th, 2026

ED REPORT - 3/9/26

JCCF GRANT- I have submitted our annual application for the JCCF education partners program. Historically, this dollar amount has been \$5,000. Because these funds are allocated specifically for education foundations in the county, JCCF has clarified that we are *not* eligible to apply for any of their regular grant opportunities throughout the year.

KINDERGARTEN CLUB- Kindergarten registration took place on 3/4/26 and will continue online. I have coordinated with Amy Sander and information for our Kinder Club has been published. We will continue to offer a yard sign and t-shirt to incoming kindergarteners as a way to build excitement and onboarding new families into the corporation.

MO'S BOURBON DINNER- A date has been set for Thursday, May 14th @ 6:30pm. They have selected Buffalo Trace as the partner for the evening. There will be a 5-course dinner created by the chef to accompany the bourbon tastings. We are currently working towards acquiring a small number of items to auction off that evening. We will promote this event online and in our newsletters.

GRANT UPDATES- Last month I submitted a request to the Mockingbird Foundation for the "Elementary Keys to Success" grant which awarded rollup keyboards to all elementary music classes. While this is a very competitive grant (less and 2% awarded), we have been invited to apply for round two! We will know something by April. We are still waiting to receive the Hensley Legal Group \$1,000 donation for the Youth Leadership Academy. Later in March, I will work to add this information to our website along with the logo of Hensley Legal Group.

SUPER GRANT- Last year Dr. Nalin Shah and his wife, Mona, made a \$5,000 contribution to cover the expense of the Super Grant. I have been in talks with Dr. Shah again this year. He and Mona are currently discussing it and will have an answer to us shortly on whether or not they will donate to cover the Super Grant again this year.

GEF INFO SESSION- A public call out meeting has been published inviting the public to learn more about GEF and how to get involved. The meeting will be held Monday, March 16th at the admin building. This opportunity is specifically designed to appeal to a wide range of people, from volunteers to leadership, in hopes that we can bolster our support network. Our goal is to incorporate volunteers and committee members into GEF's work alongside new board members. Everyone (almost) who was nominated by the board in February has received an email inviting them to the meeting. There are still a small number of people I am still trying to find an email for.

IMCU MEETING- Peter and I met with Daren Johnson following Monte Carlo. They upgraded their sponsorship with us and wanted to meet to see if a business relationship was possible. Peter will share with the board his thoughts on how to retain them as a sponsor moving forward.

ALL CLASS ALUMNI DINNER- The annual dinner has been scheduled for 7/18/26. GEF will once again coordinate with Kathy Pendleton and her team to collect online ticket payments through our system. GEF will just operate as a passthrough for this and a check for all dinner tickets will be cut back to the Alumni Association as we did last year.

BOOK VENDING MACHINES- I have been in talks with Williams Comfort Air/Mr. Plumber about restocking the book vending machines for next year. This is something they agreed to do for the first few years. We spoke about the variety of books that currently fill the machines and a need for higher interest levels from grades 4-5 along with different titles. Corey has passed along the link to the library catalog. I will work with a school employee to help make selections and move this process along. Additionally, the Psi Iota Xi sorority I met with back in October has been in touch. They plan to donate \$1,000 to GEF that will be used to purchase books for the vending machines. I anticipate meeting with the group in March to give them a tour of a machine and receive the check. We will divide the funds evenly and give each elementary school \$250 to purchase supplemental books for their machines.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE- Peter has agreed to lead the Endowment Committee and will be making contact with interested parties to move this process along.