

Greenwood Education Foundation Board Meeting Agenda

May 12th, 2025

1. Call to Order

2. Treasurer's Report – Peter

3. Approval of Minutes – Amy

4. Monthly Icebreaker – Tiffany

A. Philanthropic Development – donor retention & acquisition

5. Committees

A. Special Events – Dawn & Chloe

1. Teacher Appreciation Week re-cap

B. GEF Cares – Julia & Tracie

1. Fast Track 2025

2. July School Supply Drive

3. Back to School Night coat drive

4. Rotary Project recipient

5. 2025-2026 event dates

C. Monte Carlo – Megan & David

1. No report.

D. Grants – Amy

1. Quick recap/update

E. Scholarships – Peter

1. Scholarship winners

6. Old Business

A. Alumni engagement request – Tiffany

B. Board Retreat/June family night/July meeting – Joe

7. New Business

A. New board member approval – Joe

B. Committee Role discussion – volunteers and chairs – Joe

8. Next Meeting Date – July – TBD

ED Report - 5/12/25

JCREMC Grant- I applied for the JCREMC grant to support Highlight Mental Health. We should hear back from them by June. Historically, we have applied each cycle for the last two years, and have been narrowed down to a finalist, but never actually chosen as a recipient.

Bus Repairs- The bus was making a small rattling noise the last few weeks. Upon further inspection, it was found that a part on the catalytic converter had broken off and caused our check engine light to appear due to emissions. The bus was taken to Beck Automotive as recommended by our bus garage. The cost for repairs was roughly \$3,700. This money was part of the Cares budget allocated for electrical work that we hoped to have done on the bus. The Cares team will look at their remaining budget for this year to determine if the electrical work needs to be postponed due to the unexpected expense of the catalytic converter.

Book Vending Machines- We have cleared all hurdles and Williams Comfort Air is in the process of purchasing the machines. We should have more information in the next few weeks on the delivery date. However, we hope to have all four machines installed before school starts.

Kindergarten Club- In an effort to welcome in our newest families to the Greenwood School community, we have launched the Kindergarten Club. Our focus is to make contact with families who have a kindergartener starting school next year and provide a warm welcome to our schools. We will coordinate with central office to create a mailing letter that highlights important things for parents to know (communications, best practices for a successful school year, etc). We are also offering an opportunity for parents to purchase a yard sign to serve as a photo backdrop for the first day of school. Additionally, there is a Class of 2038 t-shirts that parents can purchase. We've seen this program done in Noblesville schools and parents have opted to purchase a large shirt to take first day photos over the years as their child grows. We hope this adds excitement around this important milestone and helps form an audience for future engagement opportunities like a parent seminar on 529 plans and perhaps a popsicles in the park day over the summer to meet other kindergarteners and parents.

Alumni Engagement- I am set to visit with current senior students during the ceremony rehearsal. Mr. Gasaway is carving out a few minutes so I can speak to the students to welcome them to the "alumni" status and hopefully register their contact information in the alumni database. The "All Class Reunion Dinner" is planned for July 19th at the VFW. I will have a table there to promote GEF and we will announce the winners of the "Best Class" both for participation and funds raised at the event. If anyone has any interest in joining me at this event, please let me know. We would like to see as many Greenwood alumni as possible!

Lilly School of Philanthropy- I have completed my fourth and final class in Major Gifts to earn the Certification in Fund Raising Management. The summer months will be spent working with the Ex. Committee to polish a strategic plan, and annual fundraising strategy, and a few other key documents to help guide us in reaching our goals over the next few years.

Community Partnerships- I have been in contact with Rotary of Greenwood (*Julia can share good news!), Sertoma Club of Greenwood, Community Church of Greenwood, Greenwood Methodists Church, and Grase Assembly of God to discuss various partnering opportunities for our Cares programs. On 4/24/25 I presented to the Sertoma Club and formally requested for GEF to be added to their beneficiary list for WAMM. Their budget is relatively small (\$500-\$1200 range) and given their club's interest, I pitched them two options to fund that I thought would align with their mission: funding the YLA program or supporting 1 music therapy group. I hope to hear back from them soon and we will see where their interest falls. I also plan to reach out to the Kiwanis Club to see about their interest in being a financial supporter of our Coats, Cuts, and Cookies. Julia plans to make a warm introduction to Dick Isenhour, president of the Kiwanis Club so we can begin these conversations.

Bingo 2026- The date has been secured and a deposit paid for next year's bingo event. It will be on Wednesday, April 15th at the Greenwood Moose Lodge.

Super Grant Funding- Dr. Nalin & Mona Shah followed through with their commitment of \$5,000 to support this year's Super Grant. We received their check, and they were invited to GHS to be a part of the surprise announcement with Ms. Waters and the DECA Club students. They got the opportunity to meet face to face with the recipients and have a brief discussion about this project and the future plans of the Axe and Bean

Coffee shop. I plan to follow up with the Shah's so they can experience the coffee shop once its up and running and to continue cultivating that relationship and gauge their plans of future support of this grant.