



RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOUNDATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 2:30 p.m.

Riverside County Office of Education

Virtual – Online

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Riverside County Office of Education Foundation Board of Directors

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Ms. Diana Kot, Chair

Mr. Jack Clarke

Mr. Lou Monville, Vice-Chair

Mrs. Tina Daigneault, Treasurer

Mr. Lucio Perez Jr.

Mr. Eric Eckstrom

Dr. Dio Saucedo

Mrs. Ana Farfan, Secretary

Mr. Pete Serbantes

Dr. Edwin Gomez

Mrs. Suzanne Trowbridge

Mr. Paul Jessup

Mr. Fred Wolf

Foundation Director

Ed Lewis

1.0 PROCEDURAL

1.1 Call to order

Director Monville called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Director Monville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Establishment of a Quorum

Directors Clarke, Daigneault, Jessup, Monville, Saucedo, Serbantes, and Wolf were present.

Directors Binkley, Eckstrom, Farfan, Gomez, Kot, Perez, and Trowbridge were absent.

Lack of quorum was established.

1.4 Action: Approval of the Agenda

Motion: No motion made. The agenda was followed as presented.

Vote: No voting due to lack of quorum.

1.5 Public Comments

No members of the public came forward.

2.0 CONSENT

2.1 Action: Approval of Minutes

Subject: Requested approval of the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Riverside County Office of Education Foundation (RCOEF) Board held November 19, 2020 to be postponed until the next meeting scheduled on March 18, 2021.

Documents: Draft minutes from the November 19, 2020 Regular meeting.

Motion: No motion made.

Vote: No voting due to lack of quorum.

3.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

3.1 Foundation Director's Report

- **2021 Employee Giving Campaign**

The campaign is scheduled to begin February 1 and will run through February 28. All RCOE employees will be invited to participate in the campaign. Our goal is to increase annual employee payroll contributions to exceed \$3,000.

- **Student Success Fund Update**

We have placed \$5,000 in the new Student Success Fund budget. Staff is working on developing a grant application students could complete to request approval. The funds will provide up to \$250 per approved student application. Requests exceeding \$250 will go to the Board for approval. A portion of these funds will be designated toward gift cards for RCOE student competitions. Director Serbantes volunteer to solicit gift cards for this cause. A logging system will be established to track gift cards received and distributed to students. Director Clarke suggested increasing the grant limit from \$250 to \$500. This request will carry over to the next Board meeting for action.

- **Business Partners Program Update**

We have had several renewals, a few new partners, and some cancellations due to the pandemic and the uncertainty of budgets. We currently have approximately 36 members totaling \$34,000 in revenue. Some funding generated through the Business Partners program will be designated for specific programming based on the request of the donor. A few members of the Board have volunteered to use outreach strategies to generate additional Business Partners.

- **Student Scholarship Program**

High school seniors graduating in June 2021 from desert region districts including Coachella Valley USD, Desert Sands USD, and Palm Springs USD, as well as RCOE student programs are the focus of this year's student scholarship program.

- **RCOE ESports Grants Program Update**

Ed has been working with the Educational Technology (ET) unit on a brochure for a lead partner sponsorship program to support the ESports program. ViewSonic has joined this sponsorship program by contributing \$25,000. The Foundation is assisting ET staff with developing a scholarship program specifically for ESports students.

- **Science and Engineering Fair Grants Program Update**

This program is connected through the Business Partners program. We have received one Business Partners bronze sponsor who has designated \$500 toward this program.

- **Foundation Budget Update**

- Revenue streams will be refined in future reports listing individual program funds.
- Ed is working on reaching out to donors from the All For One campaign to generate an increase of revenue.
- Sponsorship for the golf tournament in October will begin in May 2021, which may generate income in the current year's budget. Morongo did not accept our grant application this year.
- Amazon Smile continues to generate small increments of income.
- Because of the CARES Act funds, County Supervisors have placed a hold on their Community Investment (CID) funding, which has decreased our budget by \$10,000.
- Ed will continue to reapply for grants with Morongo Band of Mission Indians and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- February 1-28, 2021 Employee Giving Campaign
- March 18, 2021 RCOEF Board Meeting
- May 20, 2021 RCOEF Board Meeting
- July 15, 2021 Annual Organizational RCOEF Board Meeting

3.2 Board of Directors' Comments

- Director Daigneault suggested considering an alternate golf club that may approve a grant for the golf tournament, however keeping in mind that loyalty support of the current golf club.
- Director Monville commented that many service organizations such as golf clubs have been severely affected by the pandemic, with hopes of a recovery in the future. He also suggested keeping in contact with the County Supervisors regarding their CID funds, as these funds may be released in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.