

FAC Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2021

Members Present: Chair, Angus Wilson, Gino Canori, Melissa Dickerson, Rob Hale, Mike Kahn, Darius Mozaffarian, Erik Pavelka, Jim Robillard, Niki Webster

Others Present: Chris Ericksen, Board of Trustees, Michael McDowell, Superintendent, Carol Slender, Chief Business Official

The meeting was called to order at 7:09p.m. by the Chair, Angus Wilson

Approval of April 14, 2021 Agenda: Approved the agenda as presented (Rob Hale moved, Niki Webster seconded, unanimously approved)

Approval of January 13, 2021 Minutes: Approved the minutes for January 13, 2021 as presented (Melissa Dickerson moved, Rob Hale seconded, unanimously approved)

School Update: Superintendent Michael McDowell provided an update on the current schedule for full day in-person instruction for both elementary and middle along with launching our lunch program with Branson and Epicurean. This will place Ross at the top tier for in-person learning. We have launched our sports program this week for 5th through 8th grade including volleyball, basketball and cross country. We have been nominated for the National Blue Ribbon Award an award given out to a select few schools across the county.

We are in the process of developing two new playgrounds, Kindergarten and 1st through 8th grade, over the summer working with the Business office and PTO.

Provided an update on state testing explained the federal government filed a waiver this year which will allow us to use our own local assessment, NWEA. We will be sending the data home for everyone to see where their students are in terms of growth over time.

Updates for the 2020-21 Project List:

Jim Robillard - Foundation Update: Continue to make material progress towards our goal. We will achieve the ask and potentially modestly exceed the ask. Total giving of \$1.2 million of funds received and over \$200K pledged. Participation currently at 91% but expect to be up to 94%.

Chris Ericksen, Board of Trustees: Thank you for all the efforts of FAC.

Erik Pavelka - Solar Project : Moved to front burner and will start making some progress.

Robert Hale and Niki Webster – Endowment and Foundation Ask: Plan to memorialize the findings from our work to determine the various levers we can pull should we need to in the future.

Gino Canori - Teacher Housing: Continuing to look for opportunities for teacher housing.

Mike Kahn and Darius Mozaffarian – Parcel Tax Renewal: Process to find additional comps in Marin for the most recent parcel tax. Looking to expand beyond Marin for more comparable school districts that are similar to Ross. Talked to Stephanie Robinson and Joe Chinn with the Town of Ross to get a sense of timing for marketing purposes. To be safe we should target March 2022 for our ballot and start marketing 6 months before in September.

Angus Wilson: Creating a legacy archive of all work products of FAC members

Melissa Dickerson – Budgeting Process: No updates at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.