

**Brownsburg Education Foundation  
February 20, 2024 Minutes  
Main Board Room**

**Present: Tara Casey, Lindsey Catellier, Katie Dixon, Tarah Fetting, Kat Fenoglio, Beth Grant, Shane Hacker, Kevin Hall, Jamie Hall, Melanie Harris, Christen Hoepfner, Melissa Middleton, Ryan Morrison, Brian Petraits, Alicia Smith, Katrin Tabellion  
Mindy Bingaman, Heather Jones, Emma Leary, Hillary Rogers, Shannon Walmoth  
Absent: Rene Behrend  
Judi Adams, Alyssa DePriest, Abby Hall, Nick Johnson, Angela Kreitzer, Amy Lynch, Haley Sharar**

Alicia Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Alicia opened with having everyone tell something exciting that happened since the last meeting.

November Minutes

No concerns from Minutes

Motion to Approve by Melanie Harris; seconded by Kevin Hall. Approval of minutes passed unanimously.

Kevin went over the 2024 budget; there was an increase on the Director's salary.

There is much of the funds in a money market account and in checking.

Budget approval motion by Melissa Middleton. Brian Petraits seconded the motion. The 2024 Budget was passed unanimously.

Investment Spending Policy to change the duration of the bond portfolio from 4 years to 10 years.

Motion to approve by Lindsey Catellier and Melanie Harris seconded. The Investment Spending Policy

Kevin also gave update on bonds, changes in rates, and how the market is reacting, we should also be reacting to the market. The attempt is to diversify risk.

Gala Update and Report:

We are super close to gala.

Happy Hour is back; Beer, Wine, Soda complimentary for the first hour.

The theme is travel- taco, pasta, Mediterranean, salad bar.

Dessert Dash will be back.

The silent auction will be occurring again.

There will also be games before dinner.

There is live music after dinner.

Diamond Necklace Raffle.

How can you help? Purchase a ticket or a table.

Help volunteer at a station – we ask a board member to volunteer at a station.  
Emcee - Taylor Woods, previous student

### Strategic Plan

Discussed that we met 2023-2024 key objectives of the strategic plan

We need to discuss and review 2024-2025 strategic plan

### **Question- Log Cabin Expansion Task Force – is this created?**

Shane Hacker introduction and he gave updates

He discussed updates on the high school construction;

Brownsburg Wrestling won state

Kat Fenoglio asked Katie Dixon about intentions to fill the future position of superintendent;

Executive Session will develop plan for what is going to happen and that will be made public.

The concern of funds being lower for foundation due to news, gossip, etc. with recent changes in leadership.

Katie Dixon is welcome to any conversations, phone calls, Shane Hacker as well, if anyone has questions to give accurate information.

Melanie Harris talked about officer nominations; think about interest and email Melanie, Alicia, and or nominate the person you would like to see in leadership role. Please also give Rene your interest please!

Discussed Recruitment of future board members

Board Members need to be actively recruiting additional board members- we are looking for a diverse group to join our next set of board members.

Discussion around Kindergarten Welcome Level Strategy and introduction of BEF at that age group

Discussion of recruitment through the many avenues/tools that the schools give now- parent square, newsletters, postcards to our students.

Questions did arise about the Program Evaluation-and the seriousness around completing this and ensuring the projects are postponed until we review and should we pause on January 2025 and beyond projects.

The ask of each board member to please recruit/discuss with 2-3 people about joining the BEF Board and asking we also recruit at the gala.

One suggestion is to possibly put bookmark or sticker in Real Men Read books- and utilize some of the current programs.

Board Members requested to complete board assessment.

Program Scorecard was reviewed and would seek ideas for this scorecard. This will be finalized at the April meeting.

Lindsey Catellier brought up Legacy Gala—Plainfield example, they rolled a few things into the gala. They had teacher of the year as the speaker/honoree, and alumni of the year at the gala. Acknowledge the teacher of the year, staff of the year award.

An idea for a recruitment tent on 4<sup>th</sup> of July- Community tent

Community Partnership Distribution is March 6, not in February as posted.

There was a new format to the agenda, and we can give feedback to the format.

April 15<sup>th</sup> is next meeting

March 8<sup>th</sup> is Gala

Respectfully submitted,

*Tara Casey*

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