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**WES COMMUNITY**  
*An independent non-profit dedicated to  
 supporting outdoor education at  
 Whiskeytown Environmental School*

Meeting Notes  
 WES Community Board  
 Monday, January 29th 2018, 6:00 to 7:30pm  
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Kathy Hill, Ellen Petrick, Nathan Fairchild

Not Present: Stan Bridges

	Discussion	Action Items
Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Kathy made a motion to pass the December minutes, Melinda seconded. Motion passed.	
SCOE Update	<p>First day of residential outdoor school at WES was today after 2 weeks of training. New staff seems to be working out very well thus far. Overhead staff will be on-trail coaching and training naturalists throughout the semester.</p> <p>Office remodel is still underway with the flooring being installed and the cabinetry ready to go when the floors are complete. New furniture is installed in the teacher's room and looks great.</p> <p>New steamer and oven are installed and in use in the kitchen and the cooks and kitchen staff are excited to be using the new equipment.</p> <p>First run through with the new curriculum this week.</p> <p>Glenn County Administrators have expressed interest in possibly attending a Fall 2018 program. Nathan is asking all schools as they attend the residential spring program at WES if they would be interested in attending a Fall program if it were to be reinstated. Fingers crossed for the reinstatement of a Fall semester, but nothing is certain at this time.</p>	

**Board of Directors**

Stan Bridges    Kathy Hill    Melinda Kashuba, PhD  
 Edward Meyer

**WES Liaisons** - Cassie Simons

**SCOE Liaison** – Nathan Fairchild    **WNRA Liaison** – Ellen Petrick

**Special Projects** - David Huscher

WNRA Update	<p>Feb 8<sup>th</sup> is next possible govt. shut down which does not seem like it will affect the operations at the campus.</p> <p>At this time there is no budget for any seasonal employees in the park but the budget talks are on-going and there is hope that seasonal positions will be able to be brought on.</p> <p>New wayside exhibits in areas throughout the Park are high on the priority list for funds proposals as many are faded and age worn.</p> <p>Craig Ackerman from Crater Lake is the acting Superintendent at WRNA for the time being and likely will be in the position until March. NPS All employee meeting was held at WES Campus last week and Mr. Ackerman was very impressed with the facility.</p> <p>All kayak and paddle board programs will be put up on Recreation.gov for reservations for the coming summer season which will greatly reduce the work load of volunteers who ran the old phone based system.</p> <p>Ellen gave a brief recap of her presentation at the NPS regional conference in Ashland, OR last month and it was well received. She presented on at risk multi age group youth and their introduction to parks.</p>
Treasurers Report	<p>\$13,183.37 currently in account.</p> <p>Kathy wrote two checks and gave them to Nathan. One check for \$1,512.00 from the remaining money on the Chevron Grant and one check for \$464.98 from the March 4 Science.</p> <p>\$11,206.39 remains in account after the writing of the above checks.</p> <p>\$5,000.00 from NSGT needs to be spent and accounted for by June at the request of the donor.</p>
<b>On-going Business</b>	
Approve 2018 Budget	Wide ranging discussion of various budget line items. Many notes from discussion are detailed in other portions of the minutes.
SCOE-WES Community Friends Agreement	Tabled until next meeting. Nathan will provide further details.
<b>New Business</b>	
Discuss 2018 Projects	<p>Project A: Installation of a water bottle filling station was discussed. Request for install would be best to come from SCOE into NPS. SCOE would need to submit a work order outlining the proposed project. Discussion of trying for the Redding Rancheria Community Grant to get funds to support the cost.</p> <p>Project B: Updating the WES Video. Melinda will contact Meenakshi to discuss.</p> <p>Project C: Teaching Materials</p> <p>Project D: AED</p>

Upcoming Grant Deadlines	<p>Melinda created a Grant Calendar for grants due between now and October. Calendar will be continually added to throughout the year as Board Members hear and read about them.</p> <p>March 14<sup>th</sup> for Redding Rancheria Community Fund Grant: possibly apply for either water bottle filling station or and AED. AED situation is unclear as it may present a liability issue for the campus. Will wait until more info is provided before committing to writing a grant for AED.</p>
Teacher Appreciation Event	Event to be held at Turtle Bay on 2/27/18 4-6. Tables will be set up and a meet and greet type event will take place. Melinda has volunteered to sit at the WES table. More organization will come as the event nears as there are scant details at this time.
Volunteer Group Organized? 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee	Tabled until next meeting. Brief discussion was had regarding the groups confidence and experience with planning and hosting such an event as has been the case in the past.
	Discussion of revamping the first WES video that WES Community paid for as it now contains out of date info and does not touch upon the NGSS.
Haven Humane	Free booth space offered by Lisa Cunningham, events coordinator, for the event on 5/5/18. Application due 3/30/18.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:40PM

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm February 26, 2018

or the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month