

Foundation Report December 13, 2012

The Foundation held its monthly meeting last week at the ESC. The grant review committee presented 20-mid-year grants for a total of \$11,418 to be approved for this school year, in addition to the \$18,000 of funding already in place for innovative classroom projects. The mid-year grants approved touch all school levels and range from field trips to literature fairs to supporting the Iron Knights Triathlon. Congratulations and thank you to the staff members who were awarded these grants.

At this time, NPSD teacher Holly Pettine updated the board of trustees on the status of the inclusion specialist grant at Gwyn-Nor Elementary School. Last year around this time the Foundation received a \$50,000 anonymous donation to support special education in the school district. Ms. Pettine talked about her work with fellow teachers, the positive impact the grant has made on students, staff and families, the technology that has been implemented, and the next steps. A written report is due to the donor this week. Ms. Liberaski is working with the donor's representative to possibly secure additional funding for the 2013-2014 school year.

We also discussed the upcoming Cinco De Mayo Silent Auction & Fiesta which will be held on May 5th. Over the next month, solicitation forms, letters and invitations are being finalized. We are very excited for this bi-annual gala. We hope to raise upwards of \$15,000.

Tickets are also on sale for the February 24th charity luncheon which will be held at Texas Roadhouse. Just \$25 buys you an unlimited serving of their delicious offerings. Keep this event in mind this holiday gift buying time.

And speaking of the holidays, each December the Foundation offers the Staff Tribute program to people who'd like recognize NPSD staff for their commitment to children. By donating in a staff member's name you honor that educator plus support the Foundation's mission of providing educational opportunities to students.

If you have any questions about the Foundation you can contact Christine Liberaski at the ESC.