

NPSD Educational Foundation
Board Report
November 21, 2013

The Foundation received a record number of grant applications for its mid-year review. Nearly \$27,000 worth of innovative project requests will be reviewed by the Foundation trustees next week. These projects are in addition to the nearly \$18,000 worth of grants already approved for this school year. I want to thank all of the educators who took time to complete the grant application. Unfortunately, we will not be able to fund all of the requests, but do appreciate the time and effort put into formulating the projects.

The Board of Trustees unanimously elected a new member. Tamara Knechel, a York Avenue Elementary School parent and NPHS graduate, is our newest trustee. Tami is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Group and is an account executive with Altek Business Systems in Telford.

The Foundation is finalizing its first-ever electronic newsletter and its end-of-year fundraising campaign. We hope that you will consider donating to the Foundation as this tax year ends.

In other fundraising news, I am very pleased to tell you about the efforts of Penndale Middle School students who, through very hard work, presented the Foundation with \$1,545 this month. These group of students on the H.A.B.I.T. team organized three weeks of fundraising activities culminating in a staff vs. students basketball game with the purpose of funding special education programs in their school. The entire Penndale student body and staff is to be commended for their support of these students and the Foundation.

I'd like to personally thank friends and family members who donated to the Foundation in the name of my late husband Paul Murphy. Nearly \$3,000 has been raised to fund science-related projects. I'd like to encourage those who, in times of grief, are looking for a memorial fund for a loved one to consider the Foundation.

Our next event is our charity luncheon which will be held Saturday, February 22nd, at Molly Maguire's in Lansdale. Just \$25 gets you a delicious all-you-can-eat sampling of their delicious food. Tickets will be available in January and make a great holiday gift or stocking stuffer. I hope to see you all there.

Speaking of the holidays, parents are reminded of the Staff Tribute Program through the Foundation. Online you can find a form to honor the NPSD staff that are important in

your child's life. Your monetary donation goes directly to the Foundation and our staff members receive recognition for your generosity.

Madeline Bergman also updated the Foundation on the work of the NPSD Alumni Association, which is now a committee of the Foundation. The association held a successful homecoming picnic and has planned upcoming events including participation in the Mardi Gras Parade this weekend and socials surrounding the NPHS winter concert and an upcoming basketball game.

Any questions about the Foundation can be directed to Christine Liberaski at the ESC.