

Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation

THE Foundation

Successful Annual Campaign Makes Expansion of Grant Program Possible

As a result of the past school year's annual fundraising campaign success, the Trustees of the Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation have recently decided to increase the Foundation's grant support for programs and activities that enhance the education of the students at the Lisbon School.

"We are very pleased that an increasing number of alumni, local businesses and other friends want to support the Foundation's work," said board chair Lana Superchi. "This in turn enables us to increase our efforts to enrich the educational experiences for the boys and girls at all age levels."

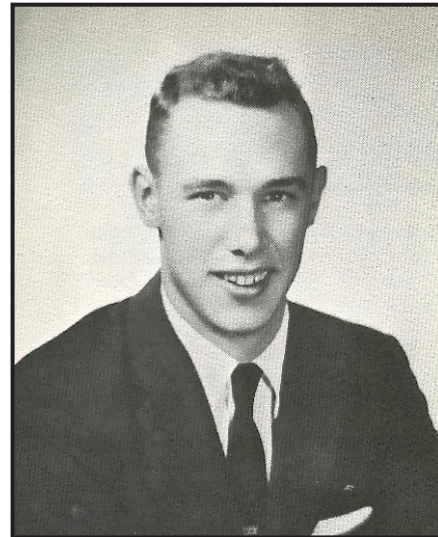
A total of 178 donors contributed \$21,680 to the annual campaign for the 2010-2011 school year. A list of donors can be seen on page 3 of this newsletter.

Recent Grants Reflect Expanded Funding Effort

In its first of several rounds of grant awards to take place during the current school year, the Foundation's board recently awarded ten grants totaling \$9,792. This represents an increase in the level of grant funding over recent years.

"All of us at the school are pleased that we will be able to do more of those things that enhance our educational programs," said its principal Steve Sexton. "The challenge for our teachers and staff is to continue to develop programs and activities worthy of the Foundation's support."

The recent round of grants included support for busing the French class to Quebec City and a "homework club" for students in grades 6-9 to continue work after school with teacher assistance. Information concerning the programs and activities supported with Foundation grants during the past school year can be found in the article on p.2 of this newsletter and on the Foundation's website www.lisbonfoundation.org.



Robert Schuyler '59

Donations In Memory of Robert Schuyler '59

Nearly \$3,000 of the campaign total was due to many donations made in memory of Lisbon school alumnus and longtime building contractor and developer Robert Schuyler '59 of Newmarket, NH who passed away December 12, 2010 following a long illness. His family identified the Foundation as the charity where donations in his memory could be sent.

"The Lisbon school has always been very special for the two of us," said his wife Becky who is a 1960 graduate. "Our family is very appreciative of the donations in Bob's memory as we believe that supporting the Foundation may indeed expand the horizons of Lisbon's students."

The Schuylers in 2007 made a special donation to the Foundation which, at their request, was applied to support the education of Lisbon students in the industrial arts and trades.

Lisbon School Foundation makes 16 grants during recent school year

LISBON – The Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation has reported that it made sixteen grants totaling \$11,083 during the recent school year to support activities and programs that enhanced the education of the students at the school.

“Our Foundation board is very pleased that we were again able to assist and in most cases make possible some very fine educational experiences that benefited so many students,” said the board’s Chair Lana Superchi. “Much credit goes to the teachers and staff who developed and implemented the programs and activities we supported.”

With this year’s efforts, the Foundation has since its founding a decade ago made 172 grants totaling more than \$100,000. Its grant program is funded through the Foundation’s annual giving campaign.

“We are able to make these valuable grants because of the generosity of the school’s alumni, local businesses and other friends of the Foundation,” said Superchi. “Our donors often tell us how much they appreciate what we do for the Lisbon students.”

An example of proposals funded this year was a bus trip for the 5th Grade to Boston to visit places related to their study of the Revolutionary War. These included the Paul Revere house, the Old North Church, historic graveyards and the USS Constitution Museum.



Members of Lisbon Regional School’s 5th grade class are shown next to the USS Constitution during a recent field trip to Boston funded by a grant from the school’s Education Foundation.

The Foundation assisted in funding a trip to New York City by thirty high school students studying immigration to visit historical sites such as Ellis Island and to experience Spanish culture. In addition, a grant made possible a field trip by the 4th grade to Fort #4 in Charlestown, New Hampshire to learn about the life of colonists in the pre-Revolutionary War days and the importance of the Fort in the French and Indian War.

“An additional bonus of such trips is giving the boys and girls a chance to experience – some for the first time – places beyond the North Country,” said the school’s principal Steve Sexton. “Participating in such trips makes many of them want to learn more about the larger world around us.” Another important grant made possible a presentation to grades 9-12 by the Ryan’s Story organization concerning bullying, cyber-bullying and teen suicide prevention.

The Foundation also supported bringing to the school a staff member of the Squam Lake Science Center to make a presentation to the 4th grade on how animals adapt to winter conditions. Foundation grants also funded the purchase of several items, including receivers to enable high school students to participate in a technology project involving GPS; books for the Parent/Student Reading Circle for grades 6-9; and a bass clarinet for the school band program.

“By supplementing in special ways the basic curricular programs at our school that are funded with tax dollars, the Foundation’s grants enhance considerably the educational experience of our students,” said Sexton.

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Number of Donors: 178

Total Raised: \$21,680

~ Thank You ~

Q&A's ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Q: What is the Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation?

A: The Foundation is a New Hampshire voluntary non-profit corporation organized in 2000 and qualified as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

Q: What is the Foundation's purpose?

A: The purpose of the Foundation is to support and enhance the educational experience of students in the Lisbon Regional School by raising and providing financial support for school-related groups and programs. The Trustees believe that the Foundation, working independently and cooperatively with the School District, is bringing new and exciting educational experiences to the students it serves.

Q: Who is involved in the work of the Foundation?

A: The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees who are primarily alumni of Lisbon Regional School as well as other interested members of the community. Board members are elected by the Board for three-year terms, plus there are two non-voting members designated by the School Board who sit on the Board along with the principal of the School (also non-voting). Other interested persons can also participate in the Foundation's work.

Q: How does the Foundation decide what programs and activities it should support?

A: At least three times each school year, teachers, students and other members of the community are invited to apply to the Foundation for grants to fund in whole or part a broader range of educational experiences for Lisbon students. The Foundation's Trustees then award grants based on which proposals in their opinion will most enhance the educational experience of students. In addition, the Foundation actively seeks funding for specific programs that will enhance the educational experiences in the Lisbon Regional School.

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www.lisbonfoundation.org

Alumni, parents and friends can support the work of the Foundation in many ways. These include tax-deductible contributions such as annual gifts, special gifts to fund programs in specific areas, bequests, and memorial gifts to honor family members, friends and classmates.

Members of the Board of Trustees are pleased to discuss with interested persons the ways they can advance the mission of the Foundation through special gift arrangements and other ways.

Contact the Foundation at PO Box 113,
Lisbon NH 03585, or via email at
info@lisbonfoundation.org.

Q: How does the Foundation's work relate to the School's regular budget process?

A: The opportunities that the Foundation supports are those that do not typically fall within the responsibility of the School's budgetary process overseen by the School Board. The Foundation's grants are not used to replace items in the budget, but rather are applied to complement and enhance the basic curricular activities funded through taxes.

Q: Where does the Foundation get the funds needed for its programs?

A: The Foundation is dependent on tax-deductible charitable gifts from alumni, parents, businesses, foundations and other friends of the Lisbon Regional School to continue its programs. The Trustees are hopeful that the Foundation will eventually establish an endowment fund that will provide income to provide some ongoing support for Foundation programs. However, at the present time, the Foundation is heavily dependent on unrestricted gifts to continue its effort to enhance the educational experience of the students at Lisbon Regional School.



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