A report from the December 2021

Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation

THE Foundation

Enhancing Educational Experiences Since 2001

Dear Friends of the LRSEF,

The students and staff at Lisbon Regional greatly appreciate the financial support for programs and activities that benefit our school community. Your support allows provide opportunities for enrichment. Classes have been able to take trips, bring in speakers, and purchase materials that add to the learning experience. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted our ability to get classes out of the building, but this led to more programs being brought to the school virtually. Several classes took advantage of this opportunity to support their curriculum. Thank you for vour continued generous donations to the Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation. help create lasting memories and experiences for our students.

> Jacqueline Daniels Principal

From the Chairperson

We continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, but the school administration and staff have worked hard to provide the very best education for the students of Lisbon Regional School. When you see a staff member out and about, say "thank you for the great job"! Who knows when we will get back to "normal" again and what the new normalcy will be? The restrictions due to the pandemic have negatively impacted the grant requests as well. During the 2020-2021 school year – LRSEF awarded only \$4,663 in grants – most requests were funded at 100%. This is significantly less than the \$20,000 usually granted annually. Therefore, the Board of Trustees has voted to carry the \$15,000 shortfall as "money available for grants" going forward.

Last year, we set a goal to raise \$30,000 from the annual appeal and to increase our donors to 160. We are pleased to report we have exceeded our donation goal as to date, we have received \$31,173 or 103.91% of the goal. The total donors are 143, which is below our goal of 160 but ahead of the 133 donors reported last year. We thank each and every one of the donors for continuing to support the Education Foundation.

For the 2021-2022 fundraising campaign we are setting a goal of \$33,000 (a 10% increase) in donations from 155 donors! The board will typically use 80% of the annual appeal money to fund grant requests. Thus, with the \$15,000 already included in the "money available for grants," we will be well positioned financially to provide significant enhancements to the Lisbon Regional School students.

On a sad note, this summer we said goodbye to Robert (Bob) C. Butson. Bob served as principal at Lisbon Regional School for several years and was the founder of the Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation. Bob will be sorely missed, but the students at Lisbon Regional School will benefit for years to come from Bob's foresight to create this wonderful organization. The Board of Trustees has voted to fund an annual scholarship in Bob's name to be awarded at graduation each year.

On behalf of the LRSEF Board, I would like to again thank all the donors for their continued generosity and support of this extremely valuable program for the students of Lisbon Regional School.



Highlights



Students were able to participate in these events funded by LRSEF grants.

Mount Washington Observatory

When your class can't travel to a place with the world's worst weather to get hands-on experiences, you do the next best thing – you travel there virtually. As a part of the eighth-grade weather and climate unit, the students participated in a virtual classroom with the staff who collect data from the Mount Washington Observatory. The weather scientists provided information on the unpredictable weather that occurs at the top of Mount Washington and showed the students multiple weather data collection devices such as anemometers, barometers, precipitation gauges, and hygrometers. They explained how each device works and how the data that is collected is used to predict the weather. The presentation was very interesting. The students asked great questions as they learned about this area where the weather can rival that of Mount Everest.

Honoring Our Educators

The Lisbon Teachers' Association made a donation to the Foundation in honor of six teachers who retired in June of this year.

The Foundation thanks the LTA and sends congratulations and many thanks to Mary Coleman (Guidance), Janet Chickering (French), Pauline Corzilius (Science), Beth Johnson (Elementary), Robin Lubguban (Math), and Cheryl Peterson (Elementary) for their dedication to the students of LRS.

Collectively, they taught for more than 150 years!

Squam Lakes Science Center

Lisbon's seventh grade students participated in a virtual classroom program "Creatures of the Night" with the Squam Lake Science Center during their study of organisms. The three animals the students learned about were a bat, skunk, and a Great Horned Owl. The naturalist was very engaging and enthusiastic as she shared the adaptations of the three animals that make them well suited for nighttime activities. Students enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the animals by observing their behaviors and asking questions.

AMAZON SMILES A New Way to Help

Lisbon alumni and friends can help grow the Foundation's funding merely by shopping Amazon Smile. Select **Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation** when you shop online with Amazon Smiles, and Amazon will donate half a penny of every dollar to the Foundation. With many donors, this adds up quickly! To sign up, go to: smile.amazon.com, input your Amazon password (if asked), then select the LRS Education Foundation as your preferred charity.

Spend away and give to your school's Foundation! And thank you!!!

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IN MEMORY OF:

- 1 Robert "Bob" Butson
- 2 Edith Crocker
- 3 Harry Dickinson
- **4** Betty (Bonor) Fenoff
- **5** Arthur Hunt
- 6 Donald K. MacDougall
- 7 Betty Joyce Gray Peterson
- 8 Harold "Curt" + Bertha (Bonor) Pickwick
- 9 Alvin "Ike" Rollins
- 10 Barbara (Dodge) Stevens
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John + Mary Brown Fund

IN HONOR OF:

- Retiring Teachers
- ✓ Tom + Karen White

We make a considerable effort to see that our donor list is accurate, and we apologize for any errors. Please notify us of any corrections needed.



Robert C. Butson

Robert C. Butson passed away July 8, 2021. Bob was the founder of the Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation. Bob had this brilliant idea, and he knew how to build a team to make it become a reality. He reached out to Cary Clark, Wendell Jesseman and Lynn Presby to set the plan in motion. Cary and Wendell were part of the "Armstrong Avenue" neighborhood of their youth, and Lynn was a friend and classmate from Lisbon Regional School. Also making up the original Board of Trustees were Glenn Stillings, Cindy Derosia, Audrey Fogg and Lana Superchi. In 2000, the Lisbon Regional School Education Foundation was created and became a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization.

The initial funding for the Foundation came from money accumulated over the years from the Coca Cola vending machine located in the school. The majority of the money now comes from the annual appeal fundraising letters. However, LRSEF has also benefited from money left to the Foundation from estates of friends of LRSEF. The Foundation is a viable option for people to consider when doing estate planning.

It is mind boggling to note that since its inception, the Foundation has awarded almost \$320,000 in grants to enhance the education of the students at Lisbon Regional School. That figure probably would have been over \$340,000 if not for the negative impact Covid-19 has had for the past two years on grant requests.

Yes, Bob created a legacy that will benefit our students for many, many years to come. We all know Bob did not do this to bring attention to himself. Bob was a firm believer in making sure the community and school would be better when he left than it was when he arrived. We on the Board of Trustees thank Bob and truly miss him.

John Fitzgerald

Receive the annual appeal/newsletter by email!

Send an email to info@lisbonfoundation.com to be added to the list and we'll send your newsletter electronically next year.

We are pleased to announce Cindy Northrop, Class of 1980, has joined the Executive Board of the Foundation.

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

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