

Join The Foundation Board

Always looking for interested individuals, the Foundation Board is always looking for people with a genuine interest in the well-being of our school and our greater school community.

If anyone is interested in serving on the Foundation Board, they are urged to contact the school.

Board members annually attend 3-4 meetings per year, help select scholarship recipients, award teacher grants, award funding for special programs, and assist with fundraising development and implementation.

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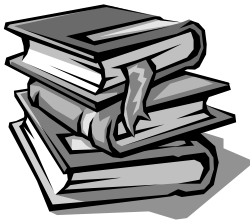
*Providing Alternative Funding For
Projects & Programs At Saunemin
Grade School*



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Foundation Beginning

In the mid 1990's, then Saunemin School Supt. Joe Burgess took on the challenge of finding additional funding sources for new programs as well as funding for non-traditional programs that would not be funded with the general school budget. Having some experiences with Foundations in the past, Burgess helped to establish the Saunemin Academic Foundation, which would help address those needs and wants. His goal was to set up a system by which special programs, grants to local teachers, and scholarships could be funded.



FUNDING MECHANISM NEEDED

In order to get the Foundation off the ground, 2 new funding sources were established. The first round of scholarships and grants were going to be funded by an annual Alumni basketball game, and the creation of an Endowment program that would seek tax-free contributions from alumni, business & friends, on different levels. Contributors would be recognized on plaques that would

be on display in the school. Those plaques are on display near the school office.

FIRST YEAR FUNDING

The first Endowment Fund Drive and the first Alumni Game raised nearly \$4000. Over \$1000 in grants were approved and a \$500 scholarship was awarded to a graduating Sr. that had previously graduated from Saunemin Grade School.

SINCE THAT FIRST YEAR

The Foundation has gone on to fund over \$25,000 in projects, programs, grants, scholarships and special requests from the school. Among the funding disbursements include: Summer Biodiversity class for Saunemin students, enrichment Summer programs (rocket building, et. al.), website development, bulk mailing availability, microscopes, classroom computers, Scholastic Bowl buzz-in system, software, special curriculum requests, and an every-three-year trip for the Jr. High to Illinois Caverns in Southern Illinois.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Following a few years of exceptional funding growth, the Foundation made a decision to fund 2 \$500 scholarships for graduating Seniors that had ties to Saunemin Grade School. Interested Seniors

must submit an essay to the Foundation board describing how their education at Saunemin Grade impacted their High School years. Since its inception, the Foundation has granted over \$4000 in Scholarship funds.

FUNDRAISING TODAY



Following many successful years of Alumni basketball & volleyball games, a decision was made to make this fundraising effort an every-three-year event, with 2008 being the next time the event will be held. The Endowment Fund continues through part of an annual mailer to all Saunemin Alumni. The creation of a Draw Down/Cash Bash has generated over \$7500 and has become an annual event.

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