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### LIONS CLUB PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



This year Ell-Saline 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the International Lions Club Peace Poster contest. The Brookville Ell-Saline Lions Club sponsors this locally and awards prizes (\$20, \$15, \$10) for the top three posters. This year's theme was "Children Know Peace". Pictured above (left to right) are: Erin Unruh, Art Instructor; Sydney Watters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Bryce Lange, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Brody Ditto, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Jerry Minneman, Brookville Ell-Saline Lions Club treasurer.

The Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence Celebrates

### "COWBOY UP FOR CARDINAL KIDS"

June 1, 2012

In less than 2-weeks the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cardinal Foundation Endowment Dinner and Auction will be held. Don't miss out on the fun filled evening! This year it is held at C & W Ranch with the social hour and silent auction starting at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with the endowment auction starting at 8:00.

Time is running out but tickets are still available by contacting any Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors member—Jamie Bradley, Larry Laas, Kathy White, Nikki Davenport, Mitch Drees, Michelle Griffin, Marty Kramer, Tom Omli or Jerry Minneman. Check us out on our website at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org) (click on District Office/Cardinal Foundation) for information about the Cardinal Foundation.

Dust off your boots, put on your hat and come out and support your Ell-Saline students and staff. Hope to see you there!

### BOARD MEETING REPORT

May 14, 2012

All board members were present. Action taken was on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

#### AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

High School football players: Tanner Parker, Hunter Brooks, Garrett Walker, Ethan Steinbruck and Coach King gave a status update on the fundraisers for new football uniforms. This will be added to the June meeting agenda.

#### REPORTS

BOE – Jamie Bradley gave an update on the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser that will be held on Friday, June 1, at C & W Ranch.

Jenny Smith, Parents As Teachers Coordinator – Jenny gave an update on this year's activities and activities planned for next year.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: state assessment updates.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: state assessment update; professional development happenings; Kindergarten Round Up with 36 students, 30 of which are planning on the all-day option with 3 others considering it; handbook changes will be presented at the June meeting; thanked the CPTA for their efforts during Teacher Appreciation Week; and congratulated the CPTA on their receiving a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's to help with the Outdoor Learning Center.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: reminder of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion exercises on May 17 and the staff luncheon on May 21; legislation; regional softball and baseball; possible softball and baseball field upgrades; district office summer hours; vacation days; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

## BUSINESS

**Early Graduation Request**—Rachel Miser's request for early graduation in the 2013-2014 school year was approved.

**HS Cheerleader Constitution**—This was tabled until the June meeting.

**Accept Resignations**—The following resignations were accepted: Katie Novack as Asst. HS Girls' Basketball Coach; John Johnson as Asst. HS Boys' Basketball Coach; and Michelle Griffin as MS Cheerleader Co-Sponsor.

**Winter Sport Supplemental Positions**—This was tabled until the June meeting.

**Classified Staff Positions**—All currently employed full-time classified staff members were approved for next year.

**Part-Time At-Risk Positions**—Approval was given to advertise for the following positions: a part-time At-Risk position at the Elementary School; and a part-time At-Risk Math/Reading position at the Middle/High School. These positions will be funded through the At-Risk fund.

There were three Executive Sessions (Student Matter, Personnel, Negotiations). No action was taken following any of them.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Brookville. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jeff Parker, Vice-President Anita Bird or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

The Ell-Saline Elementary School Improvement Council met May 1, 2012, in the Red and White room (Mrs. Peterson's old classroom). In attendance were: Dana Sprinkle, Kathy Randolph, Margaret Shaver, Susan Stateham, Mendee Kramer, Rhonda McDaneld, Robyn Parker and Pam Dodd.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kathy Randolph.

Kathy passed out the following hand-outs: Parental Involvement Fact Sheet from the Kansas Department of Education; two examples of Parent Involvement Policies from other districts; and a couple of template worksheets used by us to review and further develop Ell-Saline's Parent Involvement Policy.

Members continued to review components of our Parent Involvement Policy with several suggestions noted. Dana will update the working template and send copies to members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting will be in October.

## ELL-SALINE FFA

The Ell-Saline FFA competed in State Career Development Events at Kansas State University. The Food Science team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the State. Faith Rasmussen placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Receiving other gold ratings were Staton Diehl and Monika Grant. Receiving a Silver rating was Mike Pieschl.

The Dairy Foods team placed 11<sup>th</sup> with Mike Pieschl placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Receiving bronze honors were Tyler Cates and Jack Rhodes. Morgan Walsh rounded out the team.

The Agriculture Communications team placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall with Monika Grant placing 7<sup>th</sup>, Cain Fouard 9<sup>th</sup> and Faith Rasmussen 20<sup>th</sup>.

Cain Fouard was also recognized for receiving a National FFA Scholarship sponsored by Ford Trucks.

Faith Rasmussen was recognized for receiving a State FFA Scholarship sponsored by Orschelins.

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

What a great last month this has been! From the highlights of the year at the FFA Banquet to the awards and scholarships recognized on the Award Nights to the valedictorian speeches and diplomas awarded at graduation to the regional ballgames and track meets, to the Elementary School Play Day and Pep Rally our students have really showcased their hard work and achievements this year. They were busy and successful. It was also impressive to see the large number of parents, relatives and community members at several of these events. Your physical support shows the students that they, and the school, are important. It has been another tremendously successful year for students at Ell-Saline.

I am concerned, however, as to whether or not our students in the coming years will have even the same opportunities to be successful as our students now do. With the legislature's inability to complete its work during the 90 day session and still seeming to be nowhere close to coming to agreement on the issues that are left, which are major ones that impact school funding, there is just too much uncertainty for the future. The House has passed a major tax reduction bill that according to its own projections will turn the State's \$600 million positive balance into a \$2.5 billion dollar deficit in just 4 years. To me that is extremely irresponsible. The bill now sits on the Governor's desk to be signed in to law. Since the State cannot by law operate with a deficit balance that means all agencies funded by the state will see massive cuts. For school districts the cut is projected to be roughly \$750 per student. With our 480 students that would amount to \$360,000 from our budget. If that is to happen we would not be able to provide the same educational opportunities and supports that have enabled

all of our students to be successful. I continue to ask you to contact our area legislators and encourage them to act responsibly in providing a revenue stream to the state that will allow for the restoring of funding to K-12 education that has been reduced in the past few years. The contact information for them is listed here. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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As we wind up this school year I want to thank everybody for helping make this another great year for our students. The Ell-Saline USD 307 school district is definitely a place where your children receive a quality education. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in us.

I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing your children back with us in the fall. Enrollment is Wednesday, August 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The first day of classes is Monday, August 20.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org)

May 29-June 1 State FFA Convention  
 June 9 ACT Test Date  
 June 11 7:00 BOE Mtg at Ell-Saline District Office  
 June 14 Flag Day  
 June 17 Father's Day  
 July 4 Independence Day  
 July 9 7:00 BOE Mtg at Ell-Saline District Office  
 July 15-19 FFA Officer Retreat  
 Aug 1 8:00-1:00 & 5:00-8:00 Enrollment

## DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

**Beginning May 29 through July 27**  
**Monday—Thursday**  
**7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
**CLOSED**  
**Friday's**  
**Memorial Day & Independence Day**

## ITEMS FOR SALE

- Three blue-gray colored office chairs with arm rests
- Five small trapezoid tables
- Six large trapezoid tables

If interested, please contact Mrs. Dana Sprinkle, Elementary School Principal, 785-827-8891, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday—Thursday, to make an offer.

- Various pieces of weight equipment

If interested, please contact Mr. Jerry Minneman, Superintendent, 785-225-6813, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday—Thursday, to make an offer.

**Good Luck  
Cardinals**

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**State  
Softball**

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**Track!!!**



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