

The Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence
Celebrates

8th Annual Supper/Auction
SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Time is getting close! Tickets are still available! **PLAN TO ATTEND!!** Come be part of the action! **Saturday, September 16**, is the date of the Eighth Annual Cardinal Foundation Endowment Dinner and Auction. Again this year it is hosted at the beautiful C & W Ranch. The social hour and silent auction will begin at 6:00. Supper will be served at 7:00 with the endowment auction starting at 8:00.

Invitations have been mailed but everyone is invited. The invitation list is NOT limited to the alumni of Ell-Saline. It is open to businesses, Foundation supporters, family members of past and present students, friends, EVERYONE that wants to enjoy a fun evening and support the Ell-Saline schools! Individual tickets are available for \$30.00 each, which includes the meal and gains entrance to both the silent and live auctions. A reserved table for eight can be purchased by a business or a group for \$225.00.

Those wishing to donate an item for the auction should contact one of the Foundation Board members soon. Ideas for the auction are limitless and could include such items as: quilts, furniture, group parties, catered meals, game or concert tickets, an overnight stay at a bed and breakfast, college or pro sports paraphernalia, theatre tickets, gift baskets, etc. If you, your family, your business, or a group of friends would like to donate an item for the auction, that would be great. Cash donations will be combined to purchase auction items.

Contact any Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors for information, or to make a donation. Members include Chairman Jamie Bradley, Traci Dent, Tina Roche, Emily Walker, Julie Weems, Marty Kramer and Jerry Minneman.

This will be a fun-filled evening you **WON'T** want to miss!!



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

Do you have any musical instruments laying around that you aren't using any more? If so, we could probably put them to good use. Our band numbers continue to grow and several students are still in need of an instrument. This year we have 37 Fifth Grade students in band which is every student and is the largest number we've ever had. We also have 20 Sixth Grade students, 29 Middle School students and 29 High School students. For more information contact our Instrumental Instructor Joan Grover at jgrover@ellsaline.org, 785-225-6633 or 785-827-8891.

August 14 Board Meeting Report

Michelle Cooper and Marty Kramer were the only board members absent. All action was approved on a 5-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

V. REPORTS

BOE – Jamie Bradley reported that the invitations for the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser to be held on September 16 at C & W Ranch have been mailed.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: projected enrollment; this year's ESE theme of "Cardinal Culture"; a list of new staff members; CPTA activities; Preschool Day Camp currently has 13 children planning to attend; special education services; and staff professional development activities.

Mr. Wilson – His report included: teacher in-service activities; enrollment day went smoothly; projected enrollment; fall sports practices starting; complimented the custodial staff on their work in preparing the building and grounds for the start of school; and thanked the board for their efforts in providing our students with an environment in which they are able to learn.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: a review of the proposed budget; projected K-12 enrollment of 443; Solar Eclipse glasses have been purchased for all students and staff members; procedures in place for working with the boil water advisory in Brookville; and a list of dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. HS Girls' Basketball Fundraiser Request—This was approved as presented.
- B. Accept Gift—The grant of \$8,000.00 from the Earl Bane Foundation for the purpose of purchasing materials and equipment for Early Childhood Learning was accepted.
- C. Approve Supplemental Position—Bryson Flax was approved as the Head HS Boys' Basketball coach.
- D. Accept Supplemental Resignation—Jeff Westover's resignation as an Asst. HS Track coach was accepted.
- E. Out-of-District Students—The list of Out-of-District students was approved as presented.
- F. Staff Recognition Night—It was the consensus to continue the practice of recognizing all new staff and returning staff on their 5-year anniversaries or every year after 30 years with us. This year the recognition will take place at halftime of the HS football game with Sedgwick on Friday, September 1.

There was one Executive Session: Negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 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 Cheryl Higgins, Vice-President John Fouard or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Next Booster Club meeting Wednesday, September 6th at 7 pm in the commons. The 1st After-Prom meeting will follow right after the booster club meeting for all Junior/Senior parents.

Check out the bulletin boards in the hallway for Booster Club and After Prom updates!

Friday, August 25th - Help show your Cardinal Pride by helping with 'Clean Up Night' before and after the Gatorade Scrimmage. We need volunteers to do a variety of things: pick up trash on school grounds, pull weeds, hang banners, trim bushes, and anything else that needs sprucing up! Bring any yard supplies, like rakes, clippers, etc. that might help. We would love for everyone to help and show our students how much we care about our school! Any questions, contact Darci Ditto at 785-826-5593. What a great way to become part of the Ell-Saline Booster Club!

Booster Club will have clothing and other spirit items for sale at the home games listed below. You can also check out our online store at <https://squareup.com/store/ell-saline-booster-club>.

Friday, Sept. 1st

Thursday, Sept. 14th

Friday, Sept 15th

Friday, Sept. 29th

After Prom will also have cinnamon rolls for sale at the games listed above.

Don't forget to become a member of the Booster Club, you can find a membership form on the Ell-Saline website. For any questions, contact Mendee Kramer at mendeekramer@hotmail.com or 826-5945. Show your pride in all Ell-Saline activities by becoming a member of the Booster Club!

Homecoming is just around the corner! Join us before the football game on Friday, September 29th as the Ell-Saline Booster Club says 'Franks-A-Lot' to the community for all their support! We will serve free hot dogs to all the community from 6 to 7 pm. Come enjoy a frank on us!!

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Greetings and Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Ell-Saline USD 307. The last door of summer has closed and the first door of a new school year has opened. The cooler than normal weather this past week has really been a help. The year has started very smoothly in each building.

Each of the last few years, the district has had a motto to help keep everyone focused and moving in the same direction. This year's district motto was selected because it is at the very root for helping every student to be as successful as possible. Relationships – we all do have and have had relationships. Some of them have been better than others. We've had relationships with family members, spouses, neighbors, co-workers, our teachers and coaches when we were in school and many other types of settings. My guess is that through all of those relationships you felt closer to, more willing to work for, or lend a helping hand to those with whom you had positive relationships. That is exactly the same way it is with students today. When they have a positive relationship with their teachers, they feel more comfortable and safe in the classroom. In turn, they are more likely to engage actively in class which leads to greater social and academic growth. However, the positive relationships we work toward aren't just those between teachers and students. They are also between all (cooks, secretaries, bus drivers, paras, custodians, superintendent) staff members and students, amongst staff members, staff members and parents, everyone that plays any part in the students' education. Only through all of us making the effort to work on positive relationships will we be able to be the kind of team necessary for each student to reach his or her potential. All of this led to selecting this year's Ell-Saline USD 307 district motto **“Ell-Saline—Where Positive Relationships Make The Difference!”**

Every year brings new beginnings with the accompanying excitement and apprehension. The excitement stems from: having several new staff members sharing either their prior experiences or fresh out of college ideas; knowing that the staff has attended workshops and classes over the summer to improve instruction; having students and staff around again; the buses being all shined up after a year of road grime; and new students and families to our district joining us. The apprehension stems from: having all of the materials/supplies that were ordered come in; is all of the technology working as it is supposed to be; do we have enough desks for everyone; do we have everyone on a bus route that is supposed to be; is the air conditioning working; with all of the increased traffic on the roads is everyone being extra careful; how are our new staff and students adapting and are we helping them to feel welcome. Sadly, as the year goes by we normally are caught up in the daily routines and we tend to lose the “excitement” that comes with the beginning of the year. On the other hand, we normally discover that our apprehensions were all taken care of and that it has been another good beginning of a new school year. This year again has been no different. We appear to be off to a GREAT start!

This year's enrollment is down by 12 students from last year that is at the lowest level it has been after several years of enrollment increases. The main reason for the decrease is last year we graduated a large senior class and are bringing in a smaller kindergarten class. We currently have 442 students enrolled. As has been the case for the last few years, one of the pieces of information that I think tells a great deal about the education our students receive, and the reputation that Ell-Saline USD 307 has, is in the large number of out-of-district students that apply to attend with us. At the August board meeting, 21 new out-of-district students were approved and many more potential students were not even brought to the board for approval because our class sizes are already at capacity or after doing the background checks it was determined that we would not be a good fit for them. Again this year between 40 and 45% of our students are from out-of-district. When that many students are attending here by family choice rather than simply by living here, it is apparent that word continues to get out about the many great things we do here for students.

As is the case every year, we have a few new staff members that will help us to serve our students even better. District wide we have six teachers and classified staff members that either are new to the district or are in a new role this year. New at the elementary school are: Erin Hecker, library para who has been a substitute teacher for us the last few years; Leslie Hecker, Title I Reading; Danielle Lee, 4th Grade; Stephanie Lindsay, 6th Grade, who has substituted for us in the past; and Rachel Thaemert, 6th Grade. New at the MS/HS is Stacey Scritchfield, special education teacher as well the Head HS Volleyball Coach. We also have two student teachers at the elementary school as Emily Girard from Kansas Wesleyan is working with Amber Fouard in 1st Grade and Sabrina Patrick from Bethany is with Robyn Parker in 3rd Grade. We welcome each of these individuals and look forward to many good years of working together and the fresh ideas that they bring to us.

A challenge every year is in building a budget that provides us with the resources necessary to continue to provide the opportunities that help our students be successful. We also balance that with being mindful of not placing too much additional tax burden on our patrons. This year, again, I feel that we have been able to meet both of those criteria while still looking to the future. Funding this year is based on a formula that is very similar to the old formula that was in place before the Block Grant system. One of the differences from the old formula is that even though it is based on enrollment, it is not the current year enrollment but rather the previous year enrollment. Therefore, the number of students we have this year isn't as critical for this year but it will have an impact on next year. Another difference is that kindergarten students that attend for the full day are counted as 1.0 for headcount instead of 0.5 as they were previously. A positive for us again this year is that our Assessed Valuation continues to grow and is up by roughly \$1,160,000.00. Unfortunately, we were not able to maintain the same mill levy or decrease it this year as it increased by 0.817 mills to 54.303 mills. The reason behind the increase is that we have a loss of approximately \$50,000.00 in state aid for our LOB. Under the new formula, state aid on the LOB will be exactly what it was the year before. To lower the LOB mill levy and thus provide tax relief in the future to our patrons, we raised the LOB mill levy to the maximum in order to receive more state aid next year. To ease the additional LOB tax burden on our patrons this year, we eliminated the 4.000 Capital Outlay mill levy. In order to maintain its solid balance, we will make a transfer from the General Fund to Capital Outlay. We are appreciative of the support our patrons continue to give us as we strive to be good stewards of your tax dollars.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the Ell-Saline USD 307 school district. You can be assured that your children are receiving a quality education. Please call or stop in so we can visit about the good things going on in your district.

Ell-Saline USD 307

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

Sept 1	7:00 HS FB Sedgwick & ES Staff Appreciation Night	Sept 17	3:00 Outdoor Learning Center Work Day
Sept 4	Labor Day NO SCHOOL	Sept 18	5:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESE
Sept 5	ESE After School Begins	Sept 18	6:00 HS JV FB @ Moundridge
Sept 5	5:00 HS VB @ ES	Sept 19	4:00 HS VB @ Sterling
Sept 5	6:00 HS JV FB @ Sedgwick	Sept 19	4:00 HS CC @ Southeast of Saline
Sept 7	Farm Bureau Kids Ag Awareness Day	Sept 20	FFA Greenhand Conference
Sept 7	4:30 MS VB @ Moundridge	Sept 21	4:30 MS VB Marion @ ES
Sept 7	6:00 MS FB @ Moundridge	Sept 21	6:00 MS FB Marion @ ES
Sept 8	NO ESE After School	Sept 22	NO ESE After School
Sept 8	State Fair Begins	Sept 22	7:00 HS FB @ Inman
Sept 8	7:00 HS FB @ Remington	Sept 23	9:00 HS JV VB @ Inman
Sept 9	ACT Test Date	Sept 25	NO SCHOOL-In-service Day
Sept 9	HS VB Tournament @ Sylvan	Sept 25	6:00 HS JV FB Inman @ ES
Sept 9	9:00 HS 9th VB Tournament @ Minneapolis	Sept 26	4:00 HS CC @ Lyons
Sept 11	Band @ Kansas State Fair	Sept 26	4:00 HS VB @ Remington
Sept 11	6:00 HS JV FB Remington @ ES	Sept 27	FFA Range Mangement/Entomology/Land
Sept 11	7:00 BOE Meeting @ DO	Sept 28	4:30 MS VB @ Inman
Sept 12	Preschool Day Camp	Sept 28	6:00 MS FB @ Inman
Sept 12	5:00 HS VB @ Inman	Sept 29	NO ESE After School
Sept 12	5:00-6:30 ESE Book Fair	Sept 29	7:00 HS FB Trinity Catholic @ ES Homecoming
Sept 13	7:00 Booster Club Meeting @ ESH	Sept 29	Homecoming Dance following the game until 11:30
Sept 14	3:45 HS CC @ Bennington	Sept 29	KS Junior Livestock Show
Sept 14	4:30 MS VB Trinity Catholic @ ES	Sept 30	HS JV VB @ Sylvan
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Sept 15	NO ESE After School		
Sept 15	ACT Registration Deadline		
Sept 15	7:00 HS FB Moundridge @ ES		
Sept 16	6:00 Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser @ C&W Ranch		
Sept 16	HS VB Tournament @ Tescott		

