The Wynford Education Foundation (WEF) is in place to help with classroom “extras” that wouldn’t normally be covered in the district operating budget. WEF wants to help the teachers and staff in the district gain materials that can enhance the educational experience for the students of the district.

Donations that have been made to the foundation, whether part of #GivingTuesday each year or direct donations from community members, are invested in the permanent endowment fund. Additionally, staff members are asked to contribute to the foundation, with 50% of your annual contributions being added to the available funds for grants the next school year, and the remaining 50% going to the endowment fund. The Community Foundation for Crawford County (CF4CC) handles the administration of the endowment fund, and the interest earned by the fund is used to provide the majority of the available funds for grants each year.

When the grant process begins, WEF asks that each teacher, advisor, or staff member completes a grant application with details of the request, how it will be used in the classroom or school as a whole, and the number of students that will benefit from this purchase. The final step in the application process is that the grant must be reviewed and signed by the Building Principal.

Once all grant applications are received, a grant committee representative reviews the applications with the Building Principals to get an idea of which requests will fit into district and building initiatives, or if there are funds available through other grants or funds. The grant committee will then review all applications and determine which requests will make the most impact. Following the grant committee review, the recommendation of which applications to fund is brought back to the full WEF Board for approval, and then to the Board of Education.

Once the Grants have been approved and teachers have the items in place in their classrooms, the WEF requests documentation and/or photos of the materials in action in the classroom. Also, as a reminder, all materials that are purchased through the WEF Grants are property of the Wynford School District, and are not to be removed if a teacher or staff member leaves the district.

Participation on the WEF Board is open to any community member, including teachers and staff. An open invitation to staff members is being extended to participate in the WEF Board.

Janice Butler, WEF President
Nicole Pelter, WEF Vice President
Scott Langenderfer, WEF Treasurer
Karissa Kurek, WEF Secretary

MISSION: The Wynford Education Foundation will raise and distribute funds exclusively to support the educational programs and projects and curricular and extracurricular activities of the Wynford Local School District.