Grove City Area School District Education Foundation

Year in Review 2026

Organization

The foundation board was formed in January 2026 after community members were interviewed. The first several meetings focused on:

1. Mission
2. Goals
3. By laws
4. Meeting times and dates - the board meets each month on the first Thursday from 11:30 - 1:00 in the board room. Board members may attend virtually through Zoom. Agendas are prepared by the Executive Director and minutes are recorded by the board treasurer.
5. Video meetings with the Community Partners were scheduled to assist with the launch of the foundation.

Implementation and Evaluation

The board discussed many different fundraising ideas. A pickleball clinic and tournament were selected to be the first event. Based on the evaluation tool that the board developed, the event was very successful and will be continued. In addition to the clinic and tournament, food was sold and raffle baskets were available for purchase. The Community Partners provided liability insurance and small games of chance license.

A second fundraiser was a Blackout Event which focused on school spirit and hometown pride. The foundation provided tee shirts to all Grove City Area High School students. This fundraiser had a successful launch at a home football game and is ongoing for the next three years at various school events.

In both of these events, local community sponsors were used. The board has purchased banners, tee shirts, and used social media to advertise. All information regarding board information is posted on the school district website under Grove City Area School District Education Foundation.

Impact

In addition to creating successful fundraisers that align with the board's mission and goals, four new scholarships have been created through community donations focusing on increasing opportunities for Grove City graduates in the following areas:

- Sciences
- Arts
- Trade School Opportunities
- Workforce and Career Ready Opportunities

Strategic Focus

During this first year, two major focus areas have been highlighted: increasing the foundation's visibility and making connections that build trust within the community. The board has developed a fact sheet that highlights the mission and impact of what the board hopes to accomplish. The board has accepted invitations to speak at the Opening Day of School, Grove City PTO, and Grove City School Board.

The Grove City Area School District Education Foundation has raised over $20,000 that is divided into four fund areas:

- General Fund
- Scholarships
- Students First Fund
- Arts Fund

In conclusion, the board is committed to its mission, bylaws and goals. The board is composed of seven highly effective, diverse individuals who are committed to the students, faculty, staff and the Grove City community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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