

Community Education Advisory Council Mini-grants

Positive Happenings - November 2015

The Community Education Advisory Council is made up of volunteers representing the Forest Lake Area School District and Community Education programs. The council provides leadership and input into Community Education as it strives to meet the lifelong learning needs of all community members.

Each year the Community Education Advisory Council works with the Community Education department to offer funding for mini-grants to encourage initiatives in keeping with the purpose and core values of Community Education. The Purpose of FLAS Community Education is to promote learning by offering educational, social and recreational opportunities for everyone and the Core Values are:

- Customer Service
- Education and Learning
- Honesty and Integrity
- Providing a Safe, Supportive and Caring Environment
- Providing Opportunities for All

2015-2016 Mini-grants:

Grant funding is available to FLAS Student Groups/Activities and Community Education programs. Grants for the 2015-2016 year will be awarded by the CE Advisory Council on November 17, 2015.



Past Mini-grant Projects Include:

Book Flood: Purchase of books for a classroom library. "Thank you so much for this opportunity to stock my classroom with books that will engage readers in ways that will hopefully motivate them to read! I am so thankful for your grant which allowed me to introduce my students to books that they love! Thank you!" Tiffany Brian

Gay Straight Alliance: FLAHS staff training on gay, lesbian, straight, bi-sexual, transgender and questioning students which promoted encouraging acceptance and awareness throughout our community. Participant comment - "This was a long time coming!"



Achieving Milestones Challenge: As part of the Community Ed Walkers Welcome program, participants earned incentive prizes based on the number of minutes walked. Partnerships with Fairview and Health UP allowed four prize levels: participation, 1000 minutes, 1500 minutes and 2000 minutes. While only 15 people participated in the Achieving Milestones Challenge, those 15 people walked a total of 28.856 minutes over three months.

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