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The purpose of mini-grants is to motivate students to learn and to increase the depth and breadth of the curriculum beyond that which is (a) provided by the state instructional materials or (b) able to be funded by state or county budgets. While scholarships benefit students who have completed their elementary and secondary schooling to pursue post-secondary schooling at a community college, college, university, or trade school, mini-grants are important because they benefit district students during the 13 years in which they are receiving services from the district.

All donations to the Foundation which increase the endowment, whether they are for scholarships or mini-grants, are matched by Steve Mihaylo at 25%. Many of the donations to the Foundation are earmarked for scholarships. The Foundation urges future donors to consider naming mini-grants as the focus of their funds. While the minimum donation to create a named scholarship is $8,333, any level of donation can be contributed to the mini-grant fund.

The Committee had a total of $22,500 to spend on mini-grant projects this year with funds allocated from the Lighthouse Project, Alderwood Group, the Jim Bollingmo Family, the Butcher Family, the John Grandi Memorial, Patty and Loren Hafen, BBHS Parents in Support of Academics, and the Marie Wanke Family. This year there were 13 projects submitted requesting a total of $27,801. The Committee chose to fund twelve (12) projects. A total of 1300 students are affected by these twelve proposals this school year with far-reaching effects for years to come.

**BLES News**

**Baldwin Lane Elementary**

This proposal requested funds in the amount of $257 to pay for equipment and supplies to put on a daily broadcast news show for all students. A total of 470 students were affected this year.

*The Committee recommendation was to fund the proposal in the amount of $257.*

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**Handheld Digital Microscope**

**Baldwin Lane Elementary**

This proposal was for funds to purchase a handheld microscope that would allow images under the microscope to be projected onto the ENP board for students in the classroom to see all at the same time. A total of 470 students was affected this year.

*The Committee recommendation was to fund the proposal in the amount of $524.*

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**Technology Integration – Samsung Galaxy Tablets**

**Big Bear Elementary**

This proposal requested funds to purchase tablets for Special Education students to enable these kinesthetic learners to be more engaged and able to express themselves in ways in which they would be comfortable as well as having fun. The total cost of the proposal was $1460 and a total of 10 students this year we be affected.

*The Committee recommendation was to fund the proposal in the amount of $2015.*

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**LEGO Robotics**

**Big Bear Middle**

This proposal requested funds to purchase various robotic kits and equipment to expand the number of Robotics Team student members. The program helped to develop problem solving, critical thinking, communications, and teamwork skills in the students as they built their robotic models. This proposal affected 60+ students this year from both schools. The total amount requested was $3896.

*The Committee recommendation was to fund the proposal in the amount of $3896.*
STEAM Program
Big Bear Middle
This proposal was for the purchase of eight HP laptops to pair with the newly received Arduinos kits. The new technology helped students to use learned skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. The total requested for the proposal was $3729 and affected a total of 90+ students in 7th and 8th grade.

The Committee recommendation was to fund the proposal in the amount of $3729.

LEGO Robotics II
Baldwin Lane Elementary
This proposal requested funds to purchase LEGO education kits for the classroom in order to enhance knowledge and engage students in building simple and powered machines and mechanisms in the 6th grade. The number of students affected was 70 this year. The total amount requested was $3946.

The Committee recommendation was to fund the proposal in the amount of $3946.

Nourish the Bear Community Collaboration
Big Bear Middle
This proposal requested funds for the First Annual “Nourish the Bear Health Fair” to support the 4th annual Healthy Taste of Big Bear Community Dinner. This dinner emphasized locally grown food. The amount requested was $1200 and affected the schoolwide population this year.

The Committee recommended to partially fund the proposal in the amount of $250 to cover the cost of paper goods and decorations.

Replace CD Player and Cables
Baldwin Lane Elementary
This proposal requested funds in the amount of $400 to replace components for the sound system that were old and nonfunctioning. It was also to provide a new CD player for school performances. All 470 students were affected this year.

The Committee recommended to fund the proposal in the amount of $400.

The Art of STEAM
Baldwin Lane Elementary
This proposal requested funding for the purchase of Art Lessons for Children program on DVD to assist in the incorporation of the arts into their STEAM program. The total number of students affected by this proposal this year was 470, and it will be used for many years to come.

The Committee recommended funding in the amount of $162.

The Art of STEAM II
Baldwin Lane Elementary
This proposal requested funding of $2313 to purchase the DVD Arts Attack lessons for students using today’s technology via the ENP boards. The total amount of students affected by this proposal was 470 this year and many more in years to come.

The Committee recommended was to fund the proposal in the amount of $2313.

BVUSD Elementary Strings
All Elementary Schools
This proposal requested funding of $3250 for the purchase of new books, supplies and travel funds for competitions off the mountain. The total amount of students that were affected by this proposal was 154 in grades 3-6 this year.

The Committee recommended to partially fund the proposal in the amount of $1639 to pay for the method books and sheet music and a portion of the travel.

Math Department Chromebooks
Big Bear High
This proposal requested funds to purchase 16 Chromebooks for the math department to complement the school’s growing STEM program. The proposal requested $3924. The total number of students affected by this proposal was 500 this year.

The Committee recommended the funding of the proposal in the amount of $3924.
Mini-Grants in Action!

BLES News Broadcast Studio

A recorded news clip can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_jgqh6AqJQ&feature=youtu.be

Pictures taken with the Dino-Lite Handheld Digital Microscope

Corn snow that fell March 22, 2017

Takis

Broccoli flowers

Distinguished Elementary Strings Members
The first year that the Foundation made distributions was 1999. At that time, the endowment was valued at about $200,000, so scholarships totaling $9,000 were presented to five students. That same year we gave just under $8,000 in mini-grants to BVUSD educators. As the endowment grew, so did our ability to make larger distributions. Nearly every year we have been able to increase the number of scholarships and mini-grants, as well as increase the amounts distributed.

Today, with over $2,500,000 in the endowment, we will distribute $123,250 in scholarships to 52 deserving students, as well as having approximately $25,000 for mini-grant requests in August 2017.

Most importantly, since inception, we have now distributed over $1,083,600 in scholarships to 557 students in amounts ranging from $1,000 to $10,500, and granted over $261,420 in mini-grants to BVUSD educators to motivate and stimulate learning in the classroom. When we fund scholarships or mini-grants, we are not spending the endowment. We are spending the earnings from the endowment.
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The story of our Foundation is wonderful. It starts with honored educator, Russell R. Reynolds. In 1961, Russ Reynolds helped Steve Mihaylo earn his high school diploma via correspondence courses after Steve had left Big Bear. That simple gesture of kindness from an educator to a student prompted a lifelong friendship.

Years later, Steve Mihaylo, in an expression of thanks to Russ, donated some shares of his company stock to the Bear Valley Unified School District and he asked Russ to set up a scholarship fund. That initial gift, along with Steve’s desire to help graduating seniors from Big Bear High School, established the Steven G. Mihaylo Big Bear High School Education Foundation.

Beginning in January 2012, Steve’s match became 25% of funds donated toward the endowment. Steve’s match, both in the past and ongoing, has been the primary motivation for many donors who could see the benefit of “leveraging up” and letting the earnings from their contribution, coupled with Steve’s match, fund scholarships and mini-grants. Needless to say, we couldn’t be where we are today without our generous donors and Steve’s gracious match.

Our endowment is what makes us unique. We have grown the endowment from the initial seed capital of $100,000 to now over $2.5 million, and that is after distributing just under $1.3 million in scholarships and mini-grants since inception. When we fund scholarships or mini-grants we are not spending the endowment. We are spending the earnings from the endowment. That means that our scholarships and programs will continue to exist long after our involvement with the Foundation.

We’ve grown in many ways over the last 18 years. Our first year we gave out just five scholarships totaling $9,000. This year we’ll distribute 52 scholarships totaling $123,250, in amounts ranging from $1,000 to $10,500. This year we granted over $22,500 in mini-grants to BVUSD educators to motivate and stimulate learning in the classroom. Including this year’s distributions, we have now distributed $1,083,600 in scholarships to 557 students and provided $261,420 in mini-grants touching the lives of over 18,958 students! As our endowment and programs grow, we will be able to benefit even more children. There are so many ways in which you can participate in our wonderful story, and each year our story gets better! Come, be a part! Thank you Big Bear, donors, and Steve Mihaylo, for contributing to our children and the future!