



Davis Education Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2025

Location: Davis Catalyst Center

Prepared by: Ginger Coulam

Present:

Angela Mitchell, Angie Osguthorpe, Arrika Von, Brian Hunt, Carrie Froyd, Dan Pratt, Dawn Gray, Dr Daniel Linford, Dean Adam, Emily Price, Jason Smith, Jodi Lunt, John Zurbuchen, Jon Asay, Kathleen Chronister, Marie Stevenson, Shelly Van Noy, Tami Olsen,

Excused:

Amber Greenwell, Angela Price, Becky Wooten, Brian Slagle, Burke Bess, Chad Horne, Chad Hunt, Cory Watson, Dana Dunyon, Dave Anderson, Denise Willmore, Diana Windley, Dr Fidel Montero, George Davidson, Heidi Murdock, Jason Lund, Jeanne Jackson, Jennifer Whitworth, Jenny Freeman, Jonathan Ostler, Kelly Duffin, Keri Masson, Kyle Brostrom, Oliver Young, Scott Ellenson, Shannon Anderson, Spencer Carver, Spencer Richins, Tami Tran, Tanya Garn, Terra Cooper, Terry Capener

Welcome

Shelly Van Noy opened the meeting and introduced Superintendent Dan Linford, who spoke first due to a scheduling conflict.

Superintendent's Message – Dr. Dan Linford

Dr. Linford reflected on recent accomplishments, highlighting the power of community involvement and foundation-led initiatives. He emphasized how the Foundation enables the district to do work that builds purpose and connection among educators. He also discussed the broader educational landscape and anticipated policy changes, particularly around Department of Education funding and voucher models. He underscored the need for the district to remain exceptional and adaptable to retain students and thrive in a shifting funding model.

He concluded by praising Executive Director Jodi Lunt for her leadership, quoting the maxim:

“The true meaning of life is planting trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

He said the Foundation embodies this principle in action.

Work Session Updates

Update on Past Sessions – Jodi Lunt

1. Foundation Liaisons:

- Each school will now have a designated Foundation liaison.
- Liaisons will receive a \$250 grant to spend at their discretion.
- Monthly staff and community messaging assets will be provided by the Foundation.

2. New Grant Program:

- Launching October 1, 2025.
- Two tracks:
 - Teacher/Staff Grants: Up to \$5,000
 - School Grants: Up to \$10,000
- No matching funds required.
- Application window: October 1–31
- Grants reviewed the first week of November; awarded by November 8–9
- ~\$250,000 in available funding
- A grant reading committee will be formed

Powerful Partnerships Discussion

Career Preparation & Catalyst 2.0

The Foundation recently secured a \$1 million grant from Intermountain Health to expand career pathways and explore a potential \$30 million Catalyst 2.0 facility. Discussion focused on future partnerships and defining roles for schools and businesses.

Examples of Successful Partnerships

- Lindquist Mortuaries: Students developed marketing campaigns and event treats.
- Construction Partnerships: Legal changes allow under-18 students hands-on learning.
- Young Automotive: Involved directly with a student-run program at Syracuse High.
- Marathon Oil: Donated \$40,000 in equipment and facilitated educator-industry exchanges.
- Job Fair: Collaborative event co-hosted with business input.

Work-Based Learning Overview – Rochelle

Rochelle explained the district's need for deeper business engagement to address workforce readiness and economic mobility. She emphasized helping businesses see their role in workforce development.

Group Discussions

- Increase exposure through summer shadowing and training weeks
- Clarify terminology (e.g., internship vs. job shadow)
- Provide leadership opportunities for junior employees
- Leverage trade associations to scale partnerships
- Formalize a business advisory council with monthly input opportunities

Foundation Business

Foundation App – Scott Foster

Scott introduced a new app to centralize board communications and event logistics. Features include a directory, event info, chat, documents, and voting/consent tracking.

Gala & Express Golf Update

- Gala: June 4
- Express Golf: August 7 at Valley View (9 holes + brunch)
- Online registration and day-of app communication planned

Celebrations and Goodbyes

- Tami Young (Young Caring for the Young): Honored for dedication to student support.
- John Zurbuchen: Celebrated for his leadership and mentorship. Expressed gratitude and plans to retire.

Student Success Story

Mountain High DECA students were deeply appreciative of board support for their trip to nationals.

Closing Remarks

Emily Price expressed gratitude for the board's support of educator recognition programs and student-focused efforts.

Meeting adjourned with appreciation and momentum.

Next Meeting: Annual Gala – Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Location: Centerville Megaplex theatre