

Foundation grants Centennial \$33,600

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In these days of tight budgets, the Centennial School District received some outside financial help Tuesday night with a fat check from the Centennial Education Foundation.

The \$33,600 donation will be used to support the district's initiative in developing college and career readiness in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) programs.

"You people can come back any time you want. Any day, any month, any year," school board President Jane Schrader Lynch told the CEF representatives, who included President Robert Phillips, Executive Director Robert Schrader and Warminster supervisors Wayne McCulloch and Mark McKee, CEF board members.

"This is the best check I've ever seen," she said. "That was a wonderful moment."

District Superintendent Joyce Mundy added "We are so excited. We can't thank you enough for your work."

Since 1997, the CEF has raised more than \$500,000 in grants that are awarded to educators to provide supplemental funding to classroom projects. Independent of the district, CEF relies on donations and fundraising.

The school board meeting's positive vibes carried over into the student report when Tennent's Nick Griffin told the directors "While I don't have \$33,000 for you, I have good news nonetheless."

Also Tuesday, the board received some love from district students and teachers for school board recognition month. Though that took place in January, the second board meeting of the month was canceled because of the weather.

Each district school put together a video and posters decorated the board room to show their appreciation to the nine-member board, made up of unpaid volunteers.

"This sends a very clear message about how much you are valued," Mundy said.

Betty Huf said the words of the youngsters "reminds me of why I serve, why I believe in the district, the students and the community."