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Consider volunteering for the Panther Foundation board

Several new board members are being sought for the Panther Foundation, a nonprofit, community volunteer organization dedicated to enriching educational experiences of students in School District 16, serving Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley. New members would begin serving July 1, 2007.

The Foundation has been active for less than three years, but with impressive results to date. Nearly 50 grants have been awarded, serving kids from preschool through high school. Grants have covered a variety of topics, from increasing basic skills in math and reading, to fostering talents in the arts, to innovative initiatives in enriching educational opportunities. Every dollar the Foundation invests comes from a community member through a donation, membership, fundraising event, matching fund, or special gift plan.

It is the board of directors' job to acquire and allocate resources. Being a board member requires volunteers to commit approximately two hours each month and to become a Foundation member with annual rates starting at \$25. Current directors are Theresa Berset-Klis, Jill Brown, Ann Bryz-Gornia, Terry Dussault, Julie Nelson Gotham, Don Helmstetter, Marilyn Forsberg, AnneMarie Klimek, Scott Kranz, Jodi Lichtsinn, Tom Larson, Joel LeVahn, Glenn Martin, Tom Newland, Sue Pyatt, Scott Strand, George Walter, and Al Yee Litt. Karen Schaub and Jim Elert from the school district staff work with the board on special projects.

Applications are available by calling 763-795-5155 or going to the Foundation's web site at www.PantherFoundation.org. The deadline for applying is April. 16, 2007.