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Statement of Grenora Public School Foundation Funds as of 9/30/16

Donations Received Since Inception	$100,751
Funded Projects	(20,412)
Administrative Costs	(3,821)
Foundation Cash Balance 9/30/16 (incl. items in transit)	$76,518

A developing story — The family of Gina Thomas has recently donated land across the street from the school on the former site of their mother's home. The school greatly appreciates this generous donation and is considering a possible day care facility there for children of teachers and others in the community.

The Foundation's Centennial "Thanks"

Many were responsible for the Centennial's great success — Hard-working members of the Grenora Community Club diligently prepared for the event over many months and sacrificed opportunities to enjoy the fruits of their labors as they continued their efforts during the festivities. The City of Grenora gave obvious, as well as behind-the-scenes support, with infrastructure improvements, donations, and extensive administrative duties required by the event. The school and staff supported so many efforts and provided its facility, many businesses, organizations, and individuals donated to help defray most costs, and the alumni/friends, by paying the registration fees, volunteering, and giving other forms of support, put the icing on the cake. Those who came to honor Grenora's accomplishments and share in the fun made it a genuine party and fitting commemoration of our great town. The Foundation thanks you all !

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Grenora's Centennial

Your Foundation was Host



Refreshing!

Helping the Foundation meet and refresh registrants and other visitors to the school's new facility were (l to r) Joni Peterson (GHS '72) and former GPS teachers Shirley Larson and Ruth Carlson. Thanks, ladies, for representing the Foundation by greeting Centennial party-goers.

They came with great anticipation—and were not disappointed. Alumni, teachers, past residents and many others poured into town the weekend of July 1-3 to celebrate Grenora's 100th birthday. With a rainy summer Grenora was abundantly green, and the town was spiffed up to properly greet them all. Throughout town, conversation flowed, laughs were ample, memories revived. Grenora's Centennial celebrated that the town and its school have not only survived — they have *thrived* !

The new addition to the school served as registration site for all new arrivals and the Grenora Public School Foundation was there in full force, with additional volunteers, to greet, serve refreshments, and give tours of the impressive facility.

Registrants gathered at the new gym to reacquaint with old classmates and friends, view class pictures, and then gather in small groups to tour the new second gym, weight room, 7 classrooms, teacher lounge, locker rooms and bathrooms. As they walked the air conditioned facility, they learned that the 1968 structure (except the gym) would also be air conditioned when all work was completed by the start of the school year. Except for that 1968 gym, which was used for the Centennial's hypnotist show, the older structure was off limits to the public, as it was receiving extensive updates to all windows and entry doors, administration offices, restrooms, and kitchen, addition of a video conferencing room, and a larger library. The $9.95 million project yielded far more than the new addition; the 1968 structure has been vastly improved to better educate the district's children. While small towns in the region have closed their schools, Grenora proudly welcomes this impressive structure to support a promising future. (See the Fall/Winter 2015 newsletter for more detail about the then-planned new structure and improvements.)

School board member Rick Foss (GHS '81) and Principal Joe Paine joined Foundation Advisory Cmte members to give tours of the facility. Did we think to take a picture of all the informative, distinguished tour guides? Nope. We were too busy enjoying the tours with our fellow partiers.



"On this Site" plaques such as this one at the new school addition were posted throughout town during Grenora's Centennial as a self-guided walking tour to tell the 100 year story of businesses and organizations which are part of the area's rich history. A website now holds these plaques and invites others to contribute more pictures, facts, and memories so that they may be posted to that website. Go to the City of Grenora's website www.grenora.org and click on "A HISTORY WEBSITE." Some fun facts which appeared on the school's plaque, and now on that website include:

- Grenora School District 94 formed in 1918 with a one room structure on the same general site.
- The 1919 school cost $39,000. It was demolished in 1969. Its original gym had a "disappearing" stage
- A larger gym was added to the north side of the 1919 school in 1939 and demolished in 2014.
- With the early 1960's closings of Hanks, Zahl and several rural schools, District 99 built a new elementary and high school in 1968, costing just under $700,000.
- A new addition on the site of the 1919 structure was added in 2016.



Many Ways to Support the Grenora Public School Foundation

In addition to simply writing a check to the Grenora Public School Foundation or clicking on "DONATE" at our website **www.grenorakids.net**, *there are many other tax-deductible options to support our school system:*

Life Insurance/Retirement Accounts
An easy process which has no impact on your current financial situation.

Gift of Stock
Lets you take a tax deduction for the current market value of the stock and avoid capital gains tax.

Bequest
A promise to give property or money after you die, which potentially saves substantial estate tax.

Charitable Gift Annuities
The donor transfers property to the NDCF/Grenora Public School Foundation and NDCF pays a given amount at each selected payment period to annuitant(s) (usually donor and spouse), a portion of which is tax free. The annuity amount is fixed and will not change with current investment or market conditions, which is especially attractive if you have a stock, CD or other investment that is not producing a large amount of income.

Charitable Remainder Unitrust
A special trust that pays income to family members. After the income payments have been completed the remainder is distributed to NDCF for the Grenora Public School Foundation. This bypasses the capital gains tax, provides increased income, and takes a tax deduction for the donation.

Find additional information at www.grenorakids.net. John Heinen of the North Dakota Community Foundation can also answer questions at 701-590-4619. As with all large donations, consult your tax or legal advisor.

Another Playground ?

The Foundation's Fall/Winter 2014 newsletter told of a new playground that had been erected and dedicated on school grounds. It was among the first of the Foundation's opportunities to join with others in the community to fund a major common goal. The result was phenomenal! It has been put to good use by our children, who thoroughly enjoy it. Because of its popularity and, due to the size of our school enrollment, that playground cannot adequately and safely serve all the children – we need a ***second*** playground! Actually, a good problem to have in our small community. ***We have children – lots of them!*** Take a look at a second playground that our school has its eye on –



For this second proposed playground please consider joining the many generous Foundation donors who have made other worthwhile projects possible. As always, the children benefit directly when you help them out in this way.

Protecting Donor Interests — Strategic Planning Meeting Held

The Foundation's Advisory Committee met in July with North Dakota Community Foundation advisor John Heinen to evaluate and build on its structure and goals in order to assure continued good stewardship of donor funds and their use. Actions taken in this first of more such meetings were:

Election of new officers:

President – Carlyle Norby Vice President – Lavern Johnson Secretary/Treasurer – Ron Laqua

Funding Parameters

Establish guidelines to help the Foundation consistently consider and promote those activities which best represent the intent of donors' generous contributions and which support the vision of the school's board of directors. Work continues on these guidelines which will be available by website and by other means for public review.

The Grenora Public School Foundation is an organization independent of the Grenora Public School which collaborates with the School's Board of Directors to assure Foundation goals and actions support the policies and goals of Grenora Public School and properly consider Foundation donor wishes.

A Milestone Ribbon Cutting

School Board President Lavern Johnson addresses students, teachers, public, and the TV camera August 11 prior to cutting the ribbon on the school's new addition and extensive upgrades to the 1968 facility. He and Supt. Troy Walters thanked the many people responsible for this significant milestone for the school and community. Johnson shared heartfelt words from a community member who attributed the community's strength to our progressive school.

