

# Raytown Educational Foundation

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## Report to the Board of Education for December 9, 2024

### Madelyne Douglas – Board of Education Liaison to the Foundation

### Raytown Educational Foundation Board of Trustees' Meeting Highlights for November 20, 2024

#### Annual Audit

- Emerick & Company, P.C. conducted its annual audit for the Raytown Educational Foundation for fiscal year 2023 – 2024. Amy Gordon from Emerick & Company reviewed the draft of the audit with the members of the Board of Trustees at the November board meeting. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to accept the draft of the audit as presented.

#### Fundraising

- **Rockin' in Raytown** – REF held its new event, “Rockin' in Raytown a Family Dance Night” on November 15 at Central Middle School. 113 students and family members along with 40 Raytown VIP's and celebrities attended. The event featured a DJ, dancing, temporary tattoos, a photo spot and appearances by Raytown VIP's and celebrities. Participants' survey results were overwhelming positive and everyone is looking forward to “Rockin' in Raytown 2025.” A special shout out to the following Raytown VIP's and celebrities:
  - Dr. Martin-Knox
  - Mayor Mike McDonough
  - Raytown High Jay Walkers & Raytown South High Cardettes
  - RQS Elementary Principals – Melissa Glasco (FR), Claire Quinn (SW), and Anika Williams (EW)

#### Teaching & Learning Grants

- **Games Galore** – Westridge – Meranda Kisner and Courtney Wattenbarger reported on their grant, “Games Galore” in the amount of \$6,485 with a slideshow presentation. The purpose of grant is to purchase games and equipment to use for all-school events such as ELA/Math Family Nights, Field Day, Student Recognition Platinum Parties, and indoor and outdoor recess. Meranda and Courtney created activity tubs for every classroom teacher. They are gathering data for their grant's goals:
  - Increase of participation in Family Nights
  - Increase of engagement and friendships made during recess and school events
  - Decrease in behavior issues during recess

#### RQS Day “Why I Love My School” Contest Sponsorship

- **Gift Cards** – REF provided \$100 Walmart gift cards to the six students who won the “Why I Love My School” contest in the categories of essay, video or multimedia. President, Kim Snyder, presented the cards to the winners. The students will be featured in the Board of Education's December “Ray of Hope” video.

#### United in Song: The Music of Raytown at Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts Sponsorship

- **Diamond Level Sponsorship** – Through donations from REF board members, the foundation will become a Diamond Level Sponsor (\$2,500 - \$2,999) for the United in Song: The Music of Raytown at Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts on April 16, 2025. The event will feature performances from Raytown High and Raytown South High Schools' band, orchestra, and choir students.
- **Share the Love** – Save the date for REF's annual community breakfast, February 6, 2025.

