

SIoux FALLS EDUCATOR

NEWSLETTER OF THE SIOUX FALLS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings SFEA,

I know you are all looking forward to your well-deserved break next week so remember you are able to leave 5 minutes after the building is cleared of students on Tuesday.

Our negotiations team has been meeting and was able to utilize the information you all provided to guide them in developing the areas we need to focus on in the contract. We had our first meeting with the district and will continue in March. It was a very positive experience and we hope to be able to share more in the coming weeks.

SDEA and SFEA both have positions up for election this year. You will find the open SDEA positions linked [here](#). If you intend to run for and SDEA positions the notice of intent is due January 15th. The NEA RA will either be held in Chicago or Las Vegas this summer from July 2-6.

SFEA positions open include the Vice President, Secretary, Middle School, High School, Elementary, and Non-Classroom Director positions. If you are interested in running for any of these positions please provide us with a letter of intent including a 50-word statement of why you are running and a photo, these are due January 31st.

Please stay tuned for more information on upcoming ways to be involved in SFEA.

With the ever-changing circumstances that occur in our classrooms, please reach out if you have any questions.

In Solidarity,

Tim Eckart, SFEA President
sfeapresident@sfeasd.org

LEGISLATIVE COFFEES

SFEA has again partnered with the League of Women Voters and the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce to sponsor this year's Legislative Coffees.

What: Sioux Falls Legislative Coffees
Where: Southeast Tech—The Hub (2320 N. Career Ave.)
Time: 10:00—11:45 am
When: Sat. Feb. 5th (Districts 6, 11, 15)
Sat. Feb. 12th (Districts 9, 13, 14)
Sat. Feb. 26th (Districts 10, 12, 25)

SFEA BUILDING GRANTS

Each year SFEA sets aside \$2000 dollars for building grants for which members can apply for up to \$200.

So far we three grants have been awarded meaning we have roughly \$1400 still left to give away. If you are interested in applying complete the [linked](#) form and return it to sfeapresident@sfeasd.org.

SFEA BUILDING GRANT RECIPIENT

Danyelle Cleveland from Ben Reifel Middle School was awarded a grant to provide students with opportunities to engage in educational games as enrichment to the classroom setting.

Cleveland said, " games can help increase student participation, foster social and emotional learning, and motivate students to take risks and compete in a safe environment."

