

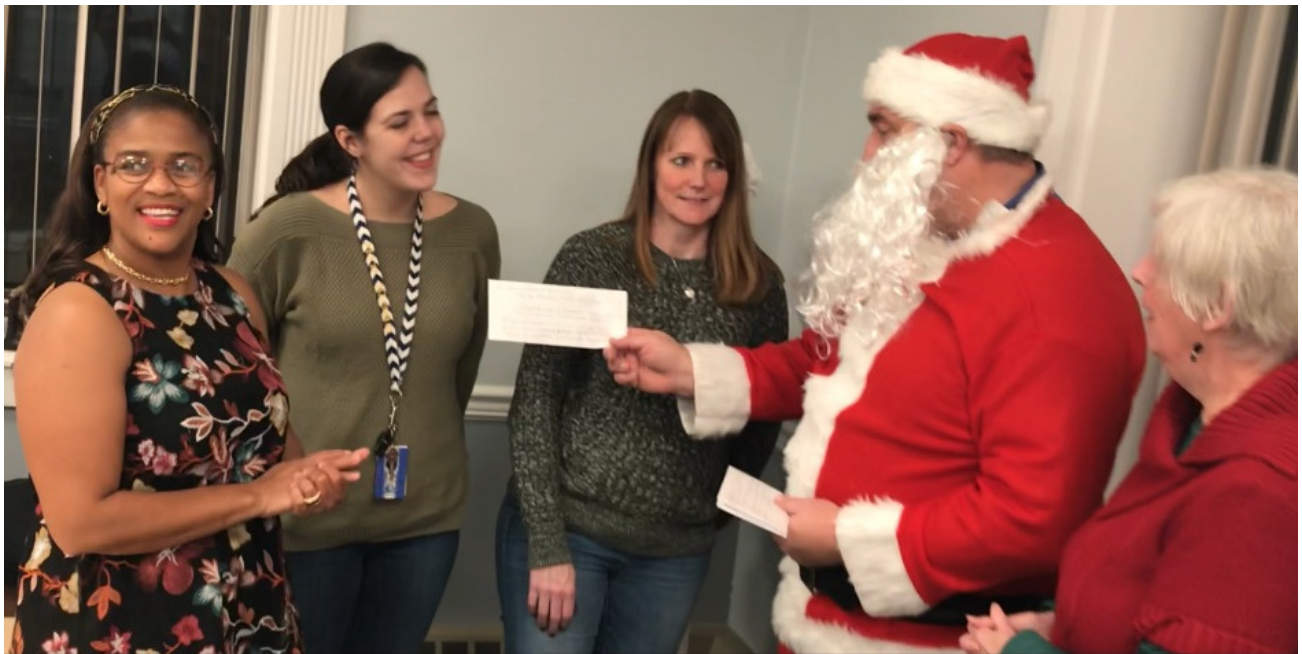
Randolph Foundation Awards 2018 Educational Grants

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The Randolph Foundation for Education (RFE) has awarded its final 2018 educational grants, with Santa Claus presenting four awards to four different schools at this week's RFE Board Meeting at Randolph Town Hall. The awards fulfill grant applications submitted by teachers over recent months, under the RFE's "Competitive Grants Program."

"We're thrilled to complete our first full year of operations with grants to four different Randolph public schools," said RFE co-director Judy Conway. The RFE, founded late in 2017, presented their first grant in June 2018. The RFE's program of mini-grants for classroom teachers funds projects up to \$1,000. The grants funded include:

- Donovan Elementary – 2nd grade: "STEM Materials for Creative Thinking and Team Building," by Sarah O'Brien & Faith Daly, for monthly brainstorming on designing contraptions.
- Young Elementary – 4th grade: "Flexible Seating," by Christine Letourneau & Nicole McEachern, for replacing traditional seating charts, plus a pilot study on how flexible seating affects student engagement.
- Lyons Elementary – K-5 Special Education: "Sensory Path to Learning," by Samantha Peter, for tools to create a "sensory path" in the hallway leading to the Therapeutic Learning Center
- Randolph High School – "Marching Band Sound Equipment," by Adam Shekleton, for a mobile megaphone system.



Presentation of RFE grant for Donovan School 2nd grade. Pictured are (left to right): RFE Board Member Natacha Clerger; Donovan teacher Sarah O'Brien; Donovan teacher Faith Daly; Santa Claus played by RFE Treasurer Ken Dunn; and RFE co-director Judy Conway

The RFE provides private funding for Randolph public schools, gathering donations from local businesses. Ms. Conway continued, "We'd like to publicly thank our donors and we're always looking for donors." Donations are tax-deductible; the RFE's non-profit status is "501(c)(3) pending." Donations can be made at <http://www.RandolphFoundation.org/Donations.htm>. The current donors include these local businesses:

- Auto Toys
- Randolph Automotive Center
- MUSA Technology Partners
- Watson Garden Design

"Now that our mini-grant program is established and operational, we're initiating our second program, which we call 'The Delroy Fund'," says RFE Board Member Jesse Gordon. "The Delroy Fund fills in the gaps where the public schools must pay out of their budget for unreimbursed breakfast and lunch fees. We hope to fully fund this program during the spring semester." The fund is named in memorial to Delroy Gordon-Dunn, the recently deceased husband of School Committee Chair Ida Gordon. Ms. Gordon is also a board member of the Randolph Foundation for Education.

The RFE's website, <http://www.RandolphFoundationForEducation.com>, provides more information on the organization and its grant programs. The RFE plans to fund another round of mini-grants during the spring semester of the 2019 school year, under a "rolling submission" schedule.



Presentation of RFE grant for Randolph High School Marching band. Pictured are (left to right): RFE Board Member and former School Committee Member Bruce Pontbriand; RFE Board Member Kit Hoffmann; RFE Treasurer Ken Dunn; High School Band Director Adam Shekleton; RFE Board Member and Randolph Town Councilor Natacha Clerger; RFE co-director Judy Conway