

(Email) Salado Education Foundation June 2024 Meeting Notes

Dr. Novotny Update:

This summer we are busy getting ready for the 2024-2025 school year (i.e., hiring teachers and teacher assistants, cleaning classrooms, etc.) and designing our new facilities that were approved by our voters in the November 2023 bond election.

Parents with current (or future) high school athletes will probably be interested in the change the University Interscholastic League (UIL) approved last week regarding playoffs for volleyball, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, girls' soccer, boys' soccer, softball, and baseball.

They are going to "split" the playoffs for these sports into two brackets: Division 1 (larger schools) and Division 2 (smaller schools) for each of the size classifications (1A through 6A).

This is similar to what has already been done in football, however, football splits into Division 1 and Division 2 for district assignments and games. This Division 1/Division 2 split for the other teams' sports will take place only for the playoff brackets after the district games are finished.

Of the four high schools that qualify for playoffs from each district, the two high schools with the larger enrollment will be in the Division 1 playoff bracket and the two high schools with the smaller enrollment will be in the Division 2 playoff bracket.

Thus, the two largest schools in each UIL district will always be in the Division 1 bracket if they qualify for the playoffs and the two smallest schools in each UIL district will always be in the Division 2 bracket if they qualify for the playoffs.

The other schools (in the middle) could be Division 1 or Division 2, depending on which other schools qualify for the playoffs.

We have the second smallest enrollment of all seven schools in our 2024-2025 UIL district for volleyball, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, softball, and baseball. Thus, when our teams qualify for the playoffs in these sports this year, we will be in the Division 2 (smaller 4A school) playoff bracket.

However, we have the second largest enrollment of all nine schools in our 2024-2025 district for girls' soccer and boys' soccer. Thus, when our soccer teams qualify for the playoffs this year, we will be in the Division 1 (larger 4A school) playoff bracket.

Thank you for everything you do for our students, teachers, and school district! I hope all of you and your families have a great summer!

Treasurers Update:

Currently, Jessica is in the process of paying out senior scholarships. Please continue to encourage sponsors to submit their payments for the Cattlemen's Ball.

Taylor Willingham Mini-Grant Committee Update:

The Taylor Willingham Mini-Grant winner for August will be drawn and awarded at New Employee Orientation on August 2. Anyone who can attend is welcome to join. At 8 a.m., the event will take place in the Salado Middle School Library.

Bingo Update:

No additional updates.

Cattlemen's Ball Committee Update:

Be sure to continue to send our sponsorship forms and be in the process of collecting logos for those sponsors.

Nicole will be providing an email to all individually that are assigned to specific organizations/businesses. That way, everyone is familiar with who to contact if they have not done so or may not recall.

As a committee, look for dates in July to meet in person. We will select a date to gather to catch up.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that Cattlemen's Weekend coincides with Homecoming. Currently, there are middle school and high school dances scheduled for October 26th. We appreciate that families may have commitments that evening as they prepare their students for the event. It is important that everyone has time to attend to the areas where they are needed most. We understand if there will be delays in arrival or separate commitments that evening. Those without students in attendance are asked to ensure they are available on the evening of the 26th and beforehand for assembling and preparing for Cattlemen's. As a team, we want everyone to enjoy every special moment with their loved ones. It will be a wonderful evening for all of us!

Scholarship Update:

No additional updates.

Innovative Grant Updates:

No additional updates

New Business:

- Next Meeting Thursday, July 18, 2024 - EMAIL Meeting

- Salado ISD Health Fair

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Hours: 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Location: TAE#2

Giveaway for Entry/Registration

****Calling for assistance with giveaway and attendance***

- New Employee Orientation

Date: August 2, 2024

Time: 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Location: Salado Middle School Library*

*Mini Grant Awarding