



Hale Philanthropists Pilot Program

The Hale Philanthropist was a group of 10 Hale High School students that set out to determine how to spend \$10,000 to make a difference. The program began with a day-long retreat on February 1st, 2024. After the retreat, the group met weekly to determine their actions. After listening to themselves, teachers, and students, they identified their educational experience as their primary area of focus. By conducting a root cause analysis, they determined they wanted to focus on improving relationships between teachers and students and provide resources and supplies to teachers.

To address their focus area they determined the following projects:

Fun Day Day: On May 20th the Hale Philanthropists hosted a Fun Day to bring students and teachers together. They provided a coffee truck for all teachers and staff to get a coffee, bought pizza for students' lunch, set up inflatables, a dunk tank, and games on the football field for teachers and students to enjoy together. In preparation for the day, the students created a proposal that they presented to the Principal. The original plans had a talent show included, but the group made a pivot and decided to collaborate with City Year, who hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. During the day, the Philanthropists were instrumental in facilitating activities and delivering pizzas to the classrooms. Members of the Hale Alumni foundation and One Hope Tulsa staff were also present throughout the day to support.

Supply Space: The Philanthropists worked with the librarian to clear out a closet that will be used as a supply space for teachers to begin using at the beginning of the school year. Students created a survey for teachers to share what resources they needed most. Ms. McNally, the teacher facilitator, shared the survey with teachers and the group sorted through the data to determine what items should be purchased. These items will be purchased and set up during the summer. For research and a volunteer opportunity, the group took a field trip to the Pencil Box. This was an opportunity to see a larger scale supply and resource space for teachers.