

Pleasantdale School District 107

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The summer months provide our staff the opportunity to engage in professional development and to consider improvements to our current academic program. In the past, District 107 summer work had a focus on creating new units and enhancements to our programs. This year, however, we are taking a more balanced approach. Due to the new curricular initiatives being implemented next year, we have broken our summer work into two categories: professional development and summer projects. The professional development and projects being considered support the goals and action steps of our district's Strategic Blueprint.

In the area of professional development, we are excited to offer a variety of learning opportunities to our staff. Based on the positive feedback we received about last summer's Tech Cafe sessions, we will be offering weekly Tech Cafe sessions again this summer. [These sessions](#) will cover a wide array of technology topics. Like last year, the Tech Cafe sessions will provide CPDUs (Continuing Professional Development Units) to our teachers. A new feature for 2017 is an online course created specifically for our district's needs with a focus on Growth Mindset and technology. This course was developed by one of our teachers and provides the staff an opportunity to engage in PD on their terms and not be tied to a specific location or timeframe. In addition, we will offer a traditional professional development model for our elementary math teachers.

As part of the planning process, staff members were invited to submit proposals for summer projects. These proposals were brought to the Administrative Team for review and were either approved, denied, or sent back for revision.

Many of the summer projects will focus on developing a product for use in classrooms. Examples include technology documents to support the expanding 1:1 initiative, updates to the Middle School Health curriculum, revisiting the district's RtI procedures, continued work on science units of instruction, updates and improvements to the Spanish curriculum, and updates to the Extended Resource program curriculum. Other summer opportunities provide professional planning experiences for teachers to support the instructional shifts in mathematics instruction and updates to the English Language (EL) service delivery model. All accepted projects and professional development support District initiatives and align to our mission and belief statements.

Below you will find the not-to-exceed costs for both professional development and summer work projects. Over the course of the past several summers, we have found that the actual costs are well below the predicted costs as teachers tend to be efficient with their time.

Professional Development Costs	Project Costs
\$17,000	\$21,000

Presentation takeaways:

- Summer opportunities have been created and streamlined in order to provide a variety of continued learning experiences for staff members.
- PD paths are established with staff input.
- This year's summer work will allow for a smooth beginning of the school year through providing opportunities of time and new experiences.