

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FOR THE SHOREWOOD SCHOOL BOARD

Topic: Donation and Naming of SHS Room: The SEED Collaboration Space

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Recommended action:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Information only
<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation/discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion/action by committee
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation/action next meeting

Recommendation(s):

We recommend approval of a \$25,000 donation from the Shorewood SEED Foundation to support the costs of transforming a former computer lab adjacent to the Shorewood High School Library into a new Collaboration Space for students, teachers and classes. As part of this donation, we recommend naming the new space the “SEED Collaboration Space.”

Purpose:

The purpose of this \$25,000 donation is to support the renovation costs of the new space, which will introduce an open, flexible workspace for students to collaborate and create in a non-traditional, modern classroom environment. The new space will be more than a creation space or maker space; it will be a model workspace that will help familiarize students with the kind of environment they will find in college and in their future workplace.

Background:

This new room will consist of dry erase white boards, dividers and table tops in which people can collaboratively write upon when designing a project or creating ideas. Small workspaces will be divided out and collaborative presentation areas will be enhanced by screen sharing monitors and tables with charging ports hidden within them. A larger work area will be centralized in the room, comprised of two mobile reconfigurable tables. A less formal work area with soft-sided furniture will also be a unique feature of this room. Beyond the new furniture, the Collaboration Space will include a wall-mounted laptop storage unit for student to use. A floating LCD projector will also be purchased so that any whiteboard area can be used as a projection screen. This unique space will be much more than an average classroom — it will be an ideal space for authentic learning in action. We propose the space be named after SEED with the understanding and commitment that when technology, furnishings, or room improvement needs arise in future years, SEED will support these needs by providing additional grants to Shorewood High School to continue to maintain and update the SEED Collaboration Space in the future.

The Shorewood SEED Foundation is an all-volunteer organization that supports the Shorewood School District’s efforts to provide excellence in public education.

We request that the Board approve this generous contribution from the Shorewood SEED Foundation, and approve the naming of the room the “SEED Collaboration Space.”