



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 9/18/20 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Karreen Ghena / Erik Lathen

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

Karreen Ghena is requesting approval to apply for a Classroom Learning Mini-Grant from Northwest Community Credit Union for funds in the amount of \$1,100 to purchase classroom sets of two books for Advanced Placement Composition. The books are: Citizen, by Claudia Rankine (2014), and On the Clock: What Low-Wage Work Did to Me and How It Drives America Insane, by Emily Guendelsberger (2019).

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Per the AP Institute training Mrs. Ghena recently attended from CollegeBoard, AP Composition is meant to be focused largely on nonfiction texts, however, the current selection of nonfiction texts available in our library is limited and outdated. We have only two nonfiction book to choose from (The Glass Castle, which is dated 2005 and which is already used in English 4, and Nickel and Dimed, which is dated 1996). Therefore, these requested nonfiction memoirs would bring modern perspectives on culturally and socially relevant issues to engage students in discussion, rhetorical analysis and critical thinking, and ensure that our class is covering nonfiction material to be better prepared for the AP Exam.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Obtaining these two new classroom sets of books would provide students with new and relevant material to read and discuss, enabling them to think more critically about the world in which we live. One book focuses on awareness of cultural diversity and racial inequality, while the other focuses on awareness of economic inequalities in the American workforce. These texts would be used multiple times over the coming years, and could be available for other teachers to borrow.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

There are no foreseeable disadvantages.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

We could work with the current textbook selection, but that would limit us to using more fiction texts (it is recommended to focus more on nonfiction texts in AP Comp) or outdated nonfiction texts. Because of copyright laws, it would be difficult for us to have a modern class set of nonfiction books unless we purchase them.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No