

## **Attendance Incentives Summary**

### **September 18, 2017**

Last year the Board allocated \$10,000 towards improving attendance. The data showed little or no improvement, but it was hard to tell with the elimination of attendance make-up time and the many snow days that interrupted the year.

The Board's intent was to provide significant incentives for individual students, not entire classes or grades. While having a party for only those students who meet the District's minimum attendance requirement may strictly meet the criteria of an individual student incentive, it is not what the Board intended. The criteria for consideration should be higher than the minimum attendance standard.

It is my recommendation that

1. The Board approve only those requests that meet the criteria of addressing individual student attendance that is higher than the minimum attendance standard (Mt. Harrison).
2. The Board cap the amount awarded at each level as follows: \$400 elementary, \$1,200 middle and \$2,000 high schools (\$7,000 if all that were submitted are approved).
3. The Board accept revised applications in October that meet the above criteria and (if approved) are within the funding caps.

The following is a summary of requests (Paul Elementary did not submit).

#### ***School: Acequia Elementary    Amount Requested: \$650***

Each week the principal will give a shout out to all homerooms who achieved 98% attendance for the previous week. A golden clock will be awarded to the homeroom with the highest attendance for the previous week. Monthly classroom incentives with the overall highest attendance for the month will receive a whole group reward. There will be a K-2 winner and a 3-5 winner. The schedule is as follows: (\*subject to change based on weather) September- Art Project with Class October- Game Time November – Lunch with Principal December – Science Experiment January – Class Movie with Popcorn February – Robotics Day March – Shamrock Party April – Pizza Party May – Class Kick Ball Game with popsicles.

#### ***School: Heyburn Elementary    Amount Requested: \$500***

We will recognize students monthly with a pencil and a dog tag. We will provide a pizza party for every student who has perfect attendance every trimester and give them a tablet through a drawing. For students with perfect attendance all year, we will also give them an engraved personalized plaque and a special reward (to be determined).

**School: Rupert Elementary      Amount Requested: \$500**

Outdoor games, horse shoes, bocce ball, spike ball and a kayak. We also would use it for classroom recognition awards, charms for their necklaces and treat for individual students.

**School: TLC      Amount Requested: \$500**

We deal with truancy by offering attendance incentives to encourage and motivate students towards better choice in school. Each Friday, there is a reward for successful middle school students – these rewards may be for activities such as art, PE, guest speakers and student choice time.

Rupert Swim Pool - \$55	Thanksgiving Party - \$55	Century Cinemas - \$115
Halloween Party - \$55	Cookies/Ice Cream - \$55	Bowling - \$55
Field Day - \$55	Outer Limits - \$55	

**School: East Minico      Amount Requested: \$1,500**

East would like to reward students per grade level on attendance, grades, and behavior. We will track and display how grade levels are doing to motivate students to do well. Grade levels have the opportunity to earn points based on the following criteria: 1) A point will be rewarded each week to the grade level with the highest attendance percentage. 2) A point will be rewarded each week to the grade level with the highest percentage of students with all passing grades. 3) A point will be rewarded each week to the grade level with the fewest detentions/suspensions. At the end of each trimester, the grade level with the most points will earn a reward party. East would also like to reward students on an individual basis for attendance. Students with only one absence per trimester will be entered in a drawing to earn prizes (such as gift cards or certificates).

**School: West Minico      Amount Requested: \$8,400**

- 1) Dance at the end of the year for students who miss 10 days or less a year- \$500 total
- 2) Pizza and Pop during Advisory- once a month for perfect attendance - \$400 a month
- 3) Drawing for a iPad- one per trimester- for perfect attendance- \$400-\$600 per trimester
- 4) Drawing for Beats headphones- one per trimester- for three days or fewer- \$200 per trimester
- 5) Century Cinemas movie ticket for every student each trimester who miss three days or fewer- \$500 per trimester

**School: Minico      Amount Requested: \$2,700**

Once per month, students with 3 or less absences and 3 or less tardies will be eligible for a drawing for (3) \$25 Amazon Gift Cards per grade level.

**School: Mt. Harrison      Amount Requested: \$1,000**

Student names were drawn for the prizes. Each quarter one student was drawn from only those with perfect attendance. They received an Ipad Mini. Names of students who had perfect attendance for two week increments were entered in drawings for gift cards/certificates and other prizes. Names of students who were honor students were also drawn for gift cards/certificates. We gave out a few candy bars as well. The Ipad Minis were purchased with incentive money from the district and other prizes were purchased with SIG money.