

Grant Report  
November 2017

We received a **Pre-elementary grant** from the state for \$50,000 for one year. This grant will serve 3-5 year olds in two communities, Thorne Bay and Naukati. Originally we applied for \$123,000 but since we were not funded at this level, the scope of the project has been pared down. Korrisa Oatman has been hired as the project leader and will be conducting activities with children every Friday in both Naukati and Thorne Bay. An assistant will be hired in Thorne Bay due to the anticipated number of children.

In October we received a **Migrant Education grant** (in addition to the regular Migrant Ed grant) for \$50,000 for two years. We need to provide the state with some additional information before actually being awarded. This project entails a summer school rich with activities to build math and writing skills, including a visiting playwright from the Sitka Island Institute, robotics, and building a smoke house.

A **grant priority meeting** was held on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. The minutes of this meeting are attached. Some of the ideas on the list are already being addressed. Right now the focus is the 2018 Farm to School grant and a Crossett Foundation grant to purchase instruments for all the schools to ensure sustainability for the Dancing with the Spirit program.

The **Indian Education grant**, Title VI part A, has some new regulations under ESSA. In response to these regulations the district will invite local tribes to the annual spring Indian Education meeting. It will also include the tribes in meetings for the following federal programs; Title I, Migrant Education, Title II, Title IV. While our Indian students are from many different tribes, our local tribe would be the Organized Village of Kasaan. Note: 1) At this time we do not have any schools in the district that have 50% or more of its enrollment made up of AK Native or American Indian students, though Hollis School is very close.

Note 2) SISD has not received a grant that exceeds \$40,000. Our grant awards have been: FY 2017 - \$6860, and FY 2018 - \$7678. Minutes are attached from last year's Indian Education meeting.

**Dancing with the Spirit** – We have now collected \$10,312 in grant funds to support this activity. Alaska Airlines also donated their travel to and from Anchorage, thanks to the efforts of Lisa Cates, Hollis teacher. The final cost of the program is still unknown at this point, but the cost of the visit from the two musicians for seven weeks was \$21,700. Travel costs are not in yet.

If you have suggestions, needs, or concerns about the grants, please email or call me. I do not always have the answers but will try to get them.

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