



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 11/15/2016 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Mr Misner/Ken Klumpp

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

We want to landscape and beautify the entrance way to the North Valley campus. We want to add curb appeal back to our school. The work would be done through grants and in kind donations from the Community. The area we are working with is about 12' X 830'. Lowes grant maybe as much as \$18,000

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

"North Valley's" driveway has a 800' long divider barrier that needs to be landscaped. All of our trees, plants and shrubs have died, they were not drought tolerant and triple digit heat dried them up. At the present time even our weeds are dying. Our students and community members and local industrial partners are committed to creating a façade of a dry creek bed, with a drip watering system and numerous drought tolerant plants. Our school has lost its curb appeal. It currently looks like no one cares. It is the first thing you see when you head into our driveway and it makes a wrong first impression. Our students and community deserve more because this is one of the ways we establish school and community pride. For the past two years we have watched our landscaped driveway divider slowly burn up and die. I have been at this school for about 15 years and when I first arrived at North Valley this area had some scruffy pine trees and it was kept weed free with regular weed spraying. The spraying was stopped and the weeds took over. A teacher and his class redid this area but the plants were not drought tolerant and died. It looks terrible now. Today I visited several classrooms and I presented our plan to create a dry creek. Students responded in very positive ways they want to help. They are not afraid of hard work either. We have the vision, the labor; all we need now is the raw materials or the money to buy them. Hauling of sand, rock and dirt will be provided from community members, mostly at cost. The SkillsUSA Leadership class is on point providing leadership moving the project forward. They will work with our FBLA and School Leadership students. Every attempt will be made to involve as many students as possible as well as community partners in helping with the project. Our video photography classes will film the production from start to finish, our science class will help us find and plant the best drought tolerant plants for our area. The math students will measure, estimate and develop a plan for the amount of various materials that will be needed. Our Life Skills Special Education students will help plant the plants. The SkillsUSA classes will dig and install the irrigation drip system then place rocks, sand and dirt with the help of volunteer community members.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Enhanced school spirit, community pride, leadership oppurtunities, connections with industrial partners. school wide and community colabaration.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None known

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

School district make improvements. Low or no funding available.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No