



### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: July's 2018 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Robert Saunders

Type of Item:  Informational  Action

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

Approval for out of state travel to the Edupoint Users Conference in Scottsdale, AZ November 8 and 9th, 2018.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

The user conference for Syngery (our SIS- or Student Information System) has been key to our growth in the understanding and application of Synergy. At this conference, we have the opportunity to discover the latest Synergy product features, get in-depth information on Synergy modules, receive one-on-one instruction from the Synergy experts as well as network with other Synergy Users. We normally bring 3 users from the Tech Department, 1 building level user and 2-3 user from the Special Education as we are in year 3 of implementation of the Synergy SE.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

With our Synergy support team attending the conference we can provide more effective support to users across the district. This is a conference that has been budgeted for out of the Tech Department and Special Education budgets.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

It is a conference that is costly, last year it was about \$8,000. However, the benefits to the district with how we utilize Synergy has been tremendous. Every year, we have brought back information from this conference that our staff (Teachers, Classified, and Administrators) have found very useful to the work that they do with students.

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

This is the only conference provided by Edupoint that addresses our needs for Supporting staff with the use of Synergy.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No