



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 10/21/2014 Superintendent: David Holmes

Administrator/Staff: Casey Alderson

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

I am requesting approval for out-of-state travel. It is important to note that this travel request will be at little or no cost to the district. Casey Alderson and Damian Crowson have an opportunity to attend a Mathematical and Literacy Summit in Florida November 10-14. These summits are being offered to Three Rivers School District at zero cost by Scholastic, a publishing company that we utilize in many different ways throughout the district.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Casey Alderson has been the lead Administrator for our High School Math Department for the past three years. He

has facilitated the majority of their collaborative meetings and provided leadership to that group on a consistent basis. Also, as the Director of Secondary and Alternative Education, he takes a lead role in ensuring we provide best practices and instruction at our high schools and Alt Ed learning environments. Scholastic provides tools that could be a key part of our increasing our math and ELA achievement in our alt ed sites. Damian comes from a mathematical background and has a critical understanding on instruction from a middle school and alternative education perspective. Damian has also taken the lead at the middle school level in the development of literacy

List the advantages of your proposal:

This is an incredible opportunity for our staff to take advantage of. Both conferences are being facilitated by amazing people in the field of education. The potential for the participants to bring back valuable content to share with TRSD staff is high. This conference focuses on how to address math standards for college and career readiness and how to best prepare our staff and students for assessments by leveraging technology and arming teachers with best practices in Literacy and Mathematics. This is an opportunity to hear from the leaders in education at no cost to our district. Scholastic could play an important role in our Alternative Education for Three Rivers School District.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The only potential cost to the District would be travel expenses from the airport to the conference and back, and would not exceed \$200. This potential expense is budgeted for in our Title funds. The only disadvantage would be time out of the building. That weighed against the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field of Education, university professors of Education and Educational Pioneers, the likes of Dr. William McCallum, makes the time out of the district palatable. All participants have agreed to bring back the learning from this summit and share with our colleagues throughout the district.

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

Not attending is the only alternative. We did not recommend this option because of the minimal, or no cost to the district, and no commitment to Scholastic. This opportunity is too great to pass on.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No