



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: October 16, 2019 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

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

This Board Report is requesting out of state travel for a team of 14 TRSD staff to travel to Buckley, Washington and attend training from Janel Keating. Janel is currently the Superintendent of White River School District and has authored several books with the DuFour company centered around Professional Learning Communities in public schools. Travel dates will be February 23-24, 2020 and all costs associated with attending this training (estimated to be \$8,075) will be paid for by Title IIA dollars. Upon completion of the training, staff will share the information learned from Ms. Keating with their school staff and PLC Committee from Collaboration Grant. Focus of the training is to promote in-depth PLC work from a district and school perspective. (Staff attending include Dave Valenzuela, Jessica Durrant, Casey Alderson, Mark Higgins, Kirk Baumann, Lori Higgins, Cassie Banuelos, Scott Polen, Danny Pratt, Steve Fuller, and four teachers).

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators. A team of grade level math teachers and admin from every middle school school have been attending trainings from Ms. Keating in Eugene, Oregon. They have shared this new knowledge with school staff, building capacity for continued learning. TRSD staff who attend this trip will learn about the underlying research and resources that support PLCs from a school and district perspective. They will be equipped with tools and resources to further the PLC work in Three Rivers School District.

List the advantages of your proposal:

TRSD staff who attend the training will increase their understanding of PLC implementation, how it affects academic growth, and how schools can look at data to ultimately have professional conversations to improve daily instruction. The information learned will be shared with other administrators and teacher teams.

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?

We have been invited to attend this workshop in Washington and only a select few will be allowed to learn from Ms. Keating. Possible alternatives for this type of training would include large conferences, not a small workshop like what we will attend in Washington.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No