



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 9-Mar-09

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: JoAnn Bethany

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

IVHS counselor, Patrice Tucker applied for an Inspiration Award through the College Board. These awards are given out each spring and recognize schools for their outstanding college preparation programs and partnerships among teachers, parents, and community organizations. She read about the award on the college board website and felt that IV might be eligible for the award. The award is for \$25,000 for the top prize. Runner up schools get \$1000. About two weeks ago, we were notified that we are in the running for the award and will have a site visit from the college board team on March 2, 2009. At this point we will at least receive the \$1000.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

IV has been working through our partnerships with College Dreams, Aspire, Gear Up, our 21st Century Learning Grant, and RCC to help our students see the possibilities for postsecondary education. Since we no longer have Gear Up funds to support college visits, Ms. Tucker indicated on the grant that the funds would be used to take students on college visits. Being on a college campus and participating in an activity on that campus has the potential to give students a new and exciting vision. Many of our students have never been even as far as SOU and we have learned over the years what the impact of those visits can be on helping them to "dream big."

List the advantages of your proposal:

If we receive the grant, we will be able to arrange various public and private college visits across the state of Oregon - from Eastern Oregon to Portland colleges to OIT. When possible, we would like to make arrangements for students to participate in classes or activities. A few weeks ago, Ms. Melissa Farmer took her Anatomy and Physiology class to George Fox to watch students dissect a human cadaver. The students are still talking about what an amazing experience it was and several are now planning to go into the medical field.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

There are no disadvantages. I apologize for not notifying the board before the application was sent in to College Board. It is not a grant so I did not think about needing approval to apply. Ms. Tucker is the driving force behind this - she just asked me if she could fill out the application - and my "yes" was my extent of involvement until we received word we were a finalist. The rest has happened quickly as a site visit was arranged quickly after the notification of the award. A team has worked to plan the day for the site visit.

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

If we do not receive the full award, we will work as best we can to pay for travel expenses out of the general fund and federal programs dollars when possible. We will continue to partner with College Dreams to help get student get on campuses.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No