



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 8-Mar-23 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: David Regal

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

New Bridge High School would like to attend an Assessment Conference put on by Solution Tree in Las Vegas for 2 teachers and the principal. The conference is from March 24-26, 2023 and aligns with our Continuous Improvement Plan that we just identified through our Cognia accreditation process over the last several months. The overview is "Using Classroom Assessments and Sound Grading Practices to Bring Hope to Every Learner" and we would take what we learned at the conference and develop on-going PD's to deliver to our teachers. Staff attending the conference will learn how to spark a growth mindset in students, avoid the most common mistakes in assessment design and analysis, reporting, and collaborate in teams to identify specific learning issues for targeted instructional solutions. This conference also aligns with the develop of our PLC's in our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) based on our finding in our Cognia accreditation process. In conclusion, this will help develop and implement our school goals based on our Cognia findings over the next couple of years.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

New Bridge has had 5 out of 6 new teachers over the last 2 years and we are coming out of COVID times in our facility. We just concluded our COGNIA process for accreditation and through deep conversations and data analysis, we concluded that "Assessment in the classroom" is a priority for our school. This conference would provide us a starting point for an Assessment team which includes school leadership in the implementation of our CIP, which has been uploaded to our school website through the district after concluding our accreditation process. We will take the knowledge gained at this conference and create on-going Professional Developments for our teachers to best serve our students. This process will also support the development of PLCs (focus on instructional strategies-questioning and assessments) in our school, which consist of "singletons" but we will use it as a platform to help support all students in every classroom.

List the advantages of your proposal:

- Support PLC development ; - Support the development of Assessment Team which will provide on-going PDs for our teachers; - Work on the major goals based on the Accreditation findings through the COGNIA process; - Support student development/mindset in their academic growth; - No cost to the district, we will use school funds from New Bridge High School

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The only disadvantage is that 3 staff will be out of school for 3 days, but we have enough time to fill these absences with our usual substitutes that are cleared by Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility staff. The lessons and skills that we will acquire during this training will impact the future development in assessments in our classrooms and school.

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

We could do a book study as a team and develop PDs for our staff, but this would not provide us with quality Professional Development provided by the Solution Tree- a highly credited company-that develops conferences to support school across the nation and is tied to PLC development. We also have an opportunity to network with other professionals from across the United States and discuss assessment solutions that they have used and other ideas to support our students in our classrooms.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No

