



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: February 27, 2018 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 Director Jessica Durrant and Principal Heather Yount to travel to Broadley, Washington to 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 April 15-17, 2018 and all costs associated with attending this training (estimated to be \$2,160) will be paid for by grant dollars. Upon completion of the training, Jessica and Heather will share the information learned from Ms. Keating with the entire TRSD administrative team. Focus of the training is to promote in-depth PLC work from a district and school perspective.

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. While administrators and teams of teachers have received two trainings this year, more work is to be done in our effort to have functioning PLCs in every school. Jessica and Heather will attend a workshop in which they will receive training by an expert in implementing PLC model across K-12 schools. They 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:

Jessica and Heather 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, including the Collaboration Grant.

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 ☐