



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 7/18/17 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Darrell Erb, Principal

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

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

Williams Elementary requests Board approval to be listed as a partner with Sugarloaf Community Association (SCA) in a grant request to the Oregon Community Foundation. The grant is a request for funds to develop and implement an after school dance and musical theater program open to all children in the greater Applegate Valley and Hidden Valley areas. SCA is a 501(c)3 organization, and is writing the grant. Williams Elementary will be listed as a program partner and be the host of this program to directly benefit our students. A fully funded grant will also result in training for Williams teaching around integrating art/aesthetic experience through core subject matter.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

A meeting with Gina (Angelique) LoPreste and Jessie Casey of SCA gave rise to this proposal. Gina has already installed the program in the Illinois Valley to great effect. She has agreed to provide consultation to our group, and to provide any training for Williams teachers if the Oregon Community Foundation funds this aspect of the grant proposal. Board members likely recall that one promise made to them from the Williams Viability Committee was to explore options for establishing an After School Program. This is an important step toward doing so.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This program is free to all children in our catchment area. Based upon the program in IV, we anticipate this program will be well attended, reaching outside of our own student body and involving students who home school, who attend Woodland Charter and Applegate schools. This gets people in our building and re-acquaints our building with them, and further establishes our historical school as a central gathering place for families of our area.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

There will be time and energy spent in writing the grant, and developing and implementing this program. There are no real disadvantages when children gather to create dance and theater.

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

There are no alternatives to this specific program - it is a model specifically developed by Gina for small communities, and this is a unique partnership which costs our school little in return for great opportunities for personal growth and learning for our students.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☒ No ☐