



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 15-Dec-08

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Peter Maluk

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?**

The superintendent and directors are requesting approval for 6 teachers to attend the 4 day Kagan Winter Academy for an in depth training on cooperative learning and student engagement strategies on February 13 - 16, 2009. Our plans are to address the district goal of improving teachers' ability to better engage all students in the learning process. This group of 6 teachers will form a district support team that will provide all teachers with workshops, coaching and strategies upon their return. Teachers are Kelli Palmerton (District Office), Renee Hults (Fruitdale), Lori Shinerock (Evergreen), Kathy Mathews (Fleming), Rachael Boehm (Applegate) and Kirsten Valenzuela (Illinois Valley).

**Provide history/background information on your proposal.**

The district sponsored a 1 day Kagan Workshop on November 10th for all teachers. While both the presenter and the presentation were outstanding, we received only one day of training in what is normally 4 day workshop. In order to better implement the strategies learned and fascilitate further training for individual schools and the district as a whole, we think a more in depth training for staff members will greatly enhance implementation.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Cooperative learning strategies increases student engagement in all academic areas. Cooperative learning is beneficial to both struggling students and high achieving students. Research shows that it increases students' motivation and reaches even the most reluctant learners. The trip would be funded by Title V professional development funds and partially by the TR teachers' professional development fund.

None

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

Continue to work under the limited offerings provided by the November 10th staff development.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No

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