



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: February 21, 2017 **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?

Three Rivers School District was awarded \$90,000 in a grant to support our ELL program at all schools. This money is targeted for curriculum, professional development, technology, and parent involvement. One of the activities in our plan to support professional development is to have a group of four teachers, five administrators, and two from the ELL department (11 total) attend the SIOPI training in Austin, Texas on May 11-13, 2017. This report is to request out-of-state travel for this group to attend the training and deepen knowledge of how to support ELL students in grades K-12. The total cost is \$28,081 for travel, registration, lodging, and substitutes and will be paid for entirely from the ELL grant and budget.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

SIOPI, or Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol, is the only researched based model of classroom instruction to support developing students' English language skills. SIOPI offers an approach to teaching that helps prepare all students, especially English learners, for college and careers. As a framework for organizing instruction, the SIOPI model supports teachers in planning and delivering high-quality instruction for all students. The training is only offered two times per school year and the closest location is Austin, Texas. Teachers who attend this training will present the information learned to fellow colleagues through late-start professional development lessons. The ELL staff who attend will be able to use the information as they write daily lessons for their students who are emerging in English skills.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Advantages of attending the conference: 1) Completing TRSD proposal to ODE as this training was part of our plan to support ELL students in the district. 2) TRSD will have a group of teachers and administrators who are able to share this information and knowledge with peers to increase lesson design and instruction in the classroom. 3) ELL students in TRSD will receive research-based instruction during weekly lessons.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Disadvantages of not attending the conference: 1) Attendees will miss three days of school and their students will have a substitute 2) Administrators who attend will be gone from their building for three days

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

SIOPI training can be taken 'virtually' through a series of courses over a period of time. This virtual option does not allow for interaction with peers to collaborate on implementation ideas and infusing strategies into daily practice.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No