



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 11/16/2009

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Kelly Christensen

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?

Proposal: Request approval to send Kaye Gilbert and Heather Sheehan to attend four day Winter Institute February 11-15, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The topic for the teacher will be Cooperative Learning and Enhancing Student Engagement.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Since the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, improving teacher effectiveness in creating frequent and positive levels of student engagement in all subjects has been a significant goal. Many teachers from around the district were able to attend the conference and become instructional coaches for their school. We are developing a team of teachers who can then lead other teachers in professional development sessions.

List the advantages of your proposal:

To effectively improve instruction, I feel that developing the coaching model and having staff members serve as mentors is the best method for success. We will create a dynamic professional learning community in our school. All expenses will be paid for by Federal Title I ARRA funds which are specifically targeted for professional development activities. There will be no expense to the district. We will pay for this out of our school's Title 1 professional development budget. This proposal supports the district's effort to increase overall teacher effectiveness in developing positive student engagement.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

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

Alternative: Have a consultant come into TRSD for a four day workshop which would require there be no students on those days. Same approximate expenses.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No