



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: December 15, 2021 **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 to attend a Professional Learning Community (PLC) training in Phoenix, Arizona. The workshop will be led by many nationally known experts in the PLC field, all specializing in district leaders supporting individual schools. Travel dates will be January 31-February 3, 2022 and all costs associated with attending this training (estimated to be \$2,550) will be paid for by ESSA Funds. Upon completion of the training, Director Durrant will share the information learned from the conference with the district leadership team and formulate a plan to support further implementation of PLC at the middle school level.

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. TRSD has had many teams across the district attend initial PLC training and they are currently implementing these strategies in all elementary schools. There are some middle school teachers who have been trained in effective PLC strategies. We need to create a plan to train all teachers and all administrators (since some admin are new since the training was offered). To accomplish our goal of all K-8 teachers using PLC structure, district leadership needs to have clear vision and path to implementation.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Attending the training will increase 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 training will also provide guidance on district-wide systems that need to be in place for implementation to be successful. The information learned will be shared with other district leadership teams and administrators.

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?

Possible alternatives for this type of training would include virtual options, but not all aspects of the information are as effective when delivered via Zoom.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No