



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 16-Nov-09

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Dave Valenzuela

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Teachers Kelly Bethke & Lori Shinerock

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

Dave Valenzuela would like to have Lori Shinerock and Kelly Bethke attend the 2010 Kagan Winter Academy February 12 & 13, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Specifically the workshop emphasizing the use of cooperative learning structures in elementary math instruction.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Student engagement and checking for understanding is an area of emphasis for TRSD. Evergreen has experienced much success through the use of cooperative learning structures and this workshop will allow us to build upon that success. This workshop will also allow us to meet some of the demands associated with the new K-8 math standards.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Teachers will be equipped to coach other Evergreen and Illinois Valley area staff in student engagement techniques related to math instruction. This will be an investment in our teachers that will allow us to provide ongoing staff development. There will be no direct cost to TRSD as this effort has been approved by the TREA Professional Development Fund.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None

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

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No