



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: February 4th, 2014

Agenda # _____

Staff/Administrator: Dave Valenzuela

Superintendent: Patricia Adams

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

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

I am requesting approval for out-of-state travel. It is important to note that this travel request will be at little or no cost to the district. Casey Alderson and Jessica Durrant have an opportunity to attend a Mathematical Summit in Palm Desert California on February 26th - 28th. Dave Valenzuela and Kirsten Valenzuela have an opportunity to attend a Literacy Summit in Boston Massachusetts on March 19th - 21st. These summits are being offered to Three Rivers School District at no cost by Scholastic, a publishing company that we utilize in many different ways throughout the district.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Casey Alderson has been the lead Administrator for our High School Math Department for the past two years. He has facilitated the majority of their collaborative meetings and provided leadership to that group on a consistent basis. Jessica comes from a mathematical background and has a critical understanding on math instruction from an elementary perspective. Kirsten is a TOSA for the District and our grades 6-12 and our Literacy Coach. She assists all departments in the development of literacy instruction strategies. Dave, as the Director of K-12 Curriculum and Instruction, takes a lead role in ensuring that we develop a culture of literary success in TRSD.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This is an incredible opportunity for our staff to take advantage of. Both conferences are being facilitated by amazing people in the field of education. The potential for the participants to bring back valuable content to share with TRSD staff is high.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The only potential cost to the District would be travel expenses from the airport to the conference and back, and would not exceed \$200. This potential expense is budgeted for in our Title funds. The only disadvantage would be time out of the building. That weighed against the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field of Education, university professors of Education and Educational Pioneers, the likes of Marilyn Burns, makes the time out of the district palatable. All participants have agreed to bring back the learning from these summits and share with our colleagues throughout the district.

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

Not attending is the only alternative. We did not recommend this option because of the minimal, or no cost to the district, and no commitment to Scholastic. This opportunity is too great to pass on.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No