



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 5/17/23 Superintendent: D. Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: David Regal- New Bridge Principal

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

Our plan is to build a 20x30 concrete pad with 4-110's and 2- 220's (electrical outlets) stubbed into the concrete. We will also be purchasing a 40 foot Conex container with a 7 foot roll-up door and wrap it with siding to match the school. This will be placed next to the pad, so we have easy access to CTE/classroom equipment. We meet with the architect on 4.21.2023 to draw plans (OYA request since they will be assuming maintenance after it is built- contract to come from OYA). We have talked with the OYA maintenance team which includes RYVCF leaders and they have given us permission to build this outdoor classroom within their facility.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Our school is a YCEP school that is located inside Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility and we have limited outside spaces for youth. During COVID-19, we could have used an outdoor classroom to provide instruction for our youth by being outside and providing ample space and fresh air for our students while complying with COVID-19 expectations. This outdoor classroom will allow us to partnership again with community partners in providing our students with extended learning in well-rounded elective classes while giving students and staff appropriate social distancing while helping reduce the spread of COVID-19. We are currently working with Rogue Community College in bringing back welding to our students, which was eliminated during COVID-19. Since COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, we are working again with Talent Maker City and Youth Pathways in providing afterschool activities and this outdoor classroom will greatly impact these programs for our students and get them running again prior to COVID-19.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This is the best use of these funds and vital for providing youth with a well-rounded education that will provide them necessary work skills (including soft skills) in order for them to be a productive citizen when they leave our school. We want to provide students at New Bridge with the best opportunities to be successful when they return to their home communities and this is an excellent opportunity to bring back welding and other afterschool partnerships that were sidelined during COVID-19. This also provides New Bridge an opportunity to build relationships with other community partners that can expand CTE opportunities for our students in the future. As a team, we looked at various ways to utilize these funds and this is the best and biggest impact to our students at New Bridge High School.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

We do not see any disadvantages to this plan, since after we build this outdoor classroom, OYA will be responsible for the maintenance of this area.

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

Only other option, is not to build an outdoor classroom and continue to use the limited space against the school for welding. This is a safety concern and limits the Welding Instructor to basic skills and welds that can and have been taught in the past before COVID times.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No