



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 11/16/2009

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Jessica Durrant

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 one teacher (Lori Chamberlain) and one administrator (Jessica Durrant) 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. The topic for the administrator will be Instructional Coaching and K-5 math strategies.

**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 hoping to have 'experts' at Manzanita who can then lead other teachers in professional development sessions. As an administrator, it is imperative that I deepen my skills on instructional coaching. In accordance with Manzanita School Action Plan, working with all teachers on K-5 math strategies is a goal for both the administrator and the staff.

**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 particularly in the area of math where we did not meet AYP standards. 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 Manzanita's Title 1 Professional development budget. This proposal supports the district's effort to increase 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 by no student on those days. Same approximate expenses.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☒ No ☐