



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: May, 2014

Agenda # _____

Staff/Administrator: Jim Kriz/Baumann

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?

Fort Vannoy Elementary teacher Jim Kriz is asking for permission from the Board to attend the Cooperative Learning Summer Academy in Orlando, Florida, July 14-18, 2014. Fees for the Academy, airfare and housing costs will be provided through Federal funds. Cost for the Adacemy is \$799, plus housing and airfare.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Jim attended the Level 1 Cooperative Learning in the summer of 2012. The techniques he learned there mesh well with his teaching philosophy, and they have greatly enhanced the learning atmosphere of his classroom. Attending the second level of Cooperative Learning will all Jim to tap into the Multiple Intelligences of his students, to further enhance the learning of his students.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Jim's students will have greater opportunities for engagement in their lessons, as well as increased academic achievement. In addition, Jim will use what he gains from the Academy experience to conduct Staff Development workshops and to offer to mentor/coach colleagues in cooperative learning strategies. This will be a win/win for educators and students.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None. As this is a Summer Academy, no student contact time will be lost.

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

This 5-day Academy is only offered in Orlando this summer.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No