



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: September 14, 2022 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

This Board Report is requesting out of state travel for a group of administrators (district leadership and high school administrators) to attend a *Professional Learning Community (PLC)* training in Phoenix, Arizona. The workshop will be led by many nationally known experts in the PLC field, all specializing in building school leaders to supporting PLC implementation. The conference is held February 28-March 2, 2023 and all costs associated with attending this training will be paid for by ESSA Funds (grant money). Upon completion of the training, Director Durrant will share the information learned from the conference with the district leadership team and formulate a plan to support further implementation of PLC at the high school level.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators. TRSD has had many teams across the district attend initial PLC training and they are currently implementing these strategies in all elementary schools. There are some high school administrators who have been trained in effective PLC strategies. We need to create a plan to train all administrators with the same knowledge base and implementation strategies for effective use in each building.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Attending the training will increase understanding of PLC implementation, how it affects academic growth, and how schools can look at data to ultimately have professional conversations to improve daily instruction. The training will also provide guidance on district-wide systems that need to be in place for implementation to be successful.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None known.

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

Possible alternatives for this type of training would include virtual options, but not all aspects of the information are as effective when delivered via Zoom.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No