



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 15-Apr-14

Agenda # \_\_\_\_\_

Staff/Administrator: Jessica Durrant

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 permission to send a group of teachers to the DuFour PLC Conference in Seattle, WA and a different group of teachers to the Daily 5 Conference in Tacoma, WA. Both conferences are during the summer and are in direct alignment with the school goals of PLC and Literacy. Staff are enthusiastic to attend these conferences; we have already sent a previous group to these two workshops and know the value it adds to student learning.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal.**

Manzanita teachers have worked very hard this school year to develop functioning PLC teams. They have built a foundation of trust with each other and are ready to work together as we look to improve instruction. Two of the TEAM leaders have agreed to take on the challenge of being facilitators, but have not attended the workshop. By having them attend the DuFour conference, they will learn additional skills that will be used each time we meet as a TEAM. Daily 5 and CAFE are structures for teaching literacy that have an enormous impact on student learning. I already have two teachers on staff who have attended this training, but additional teachers will benefit from attending

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Teachers will be able to use this training each day in their classroom and during every PLC/TEAM meeting at Manzanita. These skills will support our student growth and professional development goals. These conferences are in the summer and teachers will not miss instruction with their students. All funds will be paid for with Title I money.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

None.

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

Only other option is to wait until these workshops are offered closer to Grants Pass. The Daily 5/CAFÉ workshop has never been closer than Tacoma. The DuFour Conference will not be closer to Grants Pass in the near future.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No