

Templeman, Vivian

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Vivian,

Will you please add a grant approval to the board meeting? The federal grant is the Innovative Approaches to Literacy. It includes an early childhood and technology components.

With the grant, we will purchase OWL (Opening the World to Learning) a Preschool curriculum. This curriculum combines literacy and math. Each preschool teacher would receive the English and Spanish Comprehensive Kit, along with the Manipulative kit.

Another large component of the grant is Book Distribution. We will give a book to every preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade at North & South each month for ten months a year for two years. The book distribution program will also include a Sibling Readers in which students get a book for their newborn baby brother/sister. Both elementary schools will get money for library books for the reluctant and struggling reader, as well as Bilingual books.

Both elementary schools would get 30 iPads and 30 MacBooks with charging carts for the media center. All four schools would receive updated library software.

Both elementary schools would have two literacy nights specifically for preschool and at least 2 other nights for all students.

There will also be professional development experiences for teachers and the elementary media specialists.

There may be an ESL component, but I have not talked to Laura Voth about that yet. I have met and talked with Tracey Shifflett several times and she is excited about the possibility of being awarded this grant. Both elementary principals support the grant. Also, I have discussed it with Mr. Benningfield and he fully supports it.

If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them. At this time, I do not have the total dollar amount, but it will be in the range of \$150,000+.

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