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School Advisory Council Request for the Use of Funds
Requests must be made 1 week prior to the SAC Meeting

Date: 2/16/2023 Requested by: Herrick H. Smith

Purpose of the funds requested:

Assistance attending the NCECA conference in Cincinnati, OH

What Part of the School Improvement Plan will these funds address?

Instruction and Learning – I am requesting assistance for attending the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) conference in Cincinnati with travel and conference spanning March 13th-18th. This is the most important ceramics conference in the western hemisphere and hosts multiple workshops and demonstrations relevant to both the practice and instruction of ceramics. Additionally, in recent years I have developed professional relationships with several vendors and galleries and I would now like to pursue those relationships in the light of my current position at Nease for the benefit of my students. Locally, there are not relevant Visual Arts professional development opportunities that would benefit the high school art teacher or display the level of rigor expected of my students from IB. My participation in this conference would provide me with an opportunity to engage with these professionals as more than an artist but also a K-12 educator, the primary focus of the organization. Also, the great diversity of the workshops demands a rigorous and well-planned preparation schedule from the facilitators and I am looking forward to learning how they accomplish the prep necessary to move efficiently from one demo to the next, a skill I am continuing to refine on our block scheduling.

Please see the link for a description of the workshop: <https://nceca.net/>

A further reason I desire to attend is that I have been invited by the manufacturer of our kilns to demonstrate the way I make my larger vessels at their booth during the conference. It is an honor for me personally and can be a valuable connection for the program at Nease.

The final reason I would like to attend is to find out more about the annual K-12 ceramics exhibition. I had no students selected this year and I would like to see the exhibition firsthand to better prepare my students to create competitive works of art. NCECA is a major recruiting ground for colleges and universities and my goal is to one-day lead a trip of students accepted to the exhibition to attend the conference in person.

Because of an established relationship with one of the kiln manufacturers I do not need to request money for a room or registration but only Travel to attend the conference. Also, I do not need a sub as the conference is during spring break.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.



How will you measure its effectiveness or impact?

I will measure effectiveness in several ways. The first method is related to my final reason for desiring to attend. I would like to have a delegation of students accepted into the National K-12 exhibition for the 2024 conference. Additionally, I expect to see a rise in IB marks as I return with knowledge of contemporary instructional practices. Finally, I look forward to sharing within the county with my PLC of 3-D art teachers the materials and methods discussed at the conference.

In order for this project to be funded by the School Advisory Council, you will be required to provide a 5 minute presentation on how it has been used to improve the school and/or the quality of teaching you are able to provide. Do you agree to this? X YES NO

How much funding support do you require?

EXPENSE	COSTS	DATE NEEDED	Description
Materials Needed	\$ N/A		
Technology Needed	\$ N/A		
Registration Fees	\$ N/A		Covered by Vendor
Travel Expenses	\$908.5	3/01/2023	Flight from Jacksonville to Cincinnati (\$600 high approx. with 1 checked bag) Ground Transport from airport and around Cincinnati (\$250 approx. based on online quotes). Mileage from St. Augustine to JAX airport (50*2)*.585 (round trip)
Hotel Expenses	\$ N/A		Lodging Covered By Vendor
Per Diem	\$ 216	3/13/2023	Per Diem for 7 days (6+11+19)*6
Other (Substitute)	\$ N/A		Spring Break
Other			
TOTAL	\$ 1124.5		

Date Presented to SAC: 2/16/2023 Request Approved Request Denied

SAC Chair Signature _____ Principal Signature _____

SAC Co- Chair Signature (if applicable) _____