

**Education Committee**  
Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709  
Agenda  
Monday, October 7, 2019  
Historic Old Central High School - Board Room, 2nd Floor  
215 N 1st Ave E  
Duluth, MN 55802  
4:15 PM

**1. Informational Items - These items are provided for informational purposes only and no action is required.**

A. Assistant Superintendent's Report

The purpose of this report is to provide regular updates to the Education Committee regarding teaching and learning. Assistant Superintendent Jeff Horton will share current information regarding implementation of district initiatives and school operations.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

B. Curriculum and Instruction Report

The purpose of this report is to provide regular updates to the Education Committee regarding teaching and learning. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gail Netland Froyd will share current information regarding the status of the work of the curriculum and instruction department.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

C. Grant Applications

1) Arrowhead Manufacturing & Fabricators Grant Application

Donald Simons, Engineering and Industrial Arts Instructor at Denfeld and East High Schools, has submitted a grant application to Arrowhead Manufacturing & Fabricators in the amount of \$364. If awarded, funds will be used to purchase 10 advanced level books (5 per high school) for those who have passed the CSWA (Solidworks certification for Associate level). This manual will help students achieve the professional level certification for CAD Design, with potential for 3 credits from Lake Superior College, as certification demonstrates a proficiency level that exceeds the outcome from the Lake Superior College syllabus.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

2) Target Grant Application

Chrissy Valento, Lincoln Park Middle School Art Teacher, has submitted a grant application to Target in the amount of \$700. If awarded, funds will be used to offset transportation costs for an art field trip to Minneapolis, MN.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

3) Pachel Foundation Grant Application

Chrissy Valento, Lincoln Park Middle School Art Teacher, has submitted a grant application to the Pachel Foundation in the amount of \$2,460. If awarded, funds will be used to support an art field trip to Minneapolis, MN (Minnesota Center for Book Arts and Walker Art Center) for 40 students.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

4) Northland Foundation Youth in Philanthropy Grant Application

Timothy Churchill, Ordean East Middle School teacher and FTC Robotics school liaison has submitted a grant application to the Northland Foundation Youth in Philanthropy fund in the amount of \$1,000. If awarded, funds will be used toward a laptop computer, materials to replace the competition/practice field setup, and to upgrade and replace building materials and supplies.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

D. Informational Presentations

1) North Star Accountability System Data and District Strategies

Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Performance Dr. Tawnyea Lake will share an overview of the recently released 2018-19 Duluth data and Assistant Superintendent Jeff Horton will share an update on the District's 2019-20 primary strategies.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

2. Action Items

A. Resolutions

1) Resolution E-10-19-3682 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

Attached is Resolution E-10-19-3682 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools, to accept and approve grant awards from the following organizations:

Northland Foundation  
Minnesota Department of Education

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve Resolution E-10-19-3682 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools.

**B. Extended Trip Requests**

1) Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center - Congdon Park Elementary

Fifth grade students from Congdon Park Elementary School will travel to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, MN, from October 25-27, 2019. The total cost of this trip will be \$14,100 and will be funded by student fees and fundraising.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board approve the Extended Trip Request.

2) Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center - Lakewood Elementary

Fifth grade students from Lakewood Elementary School will travel to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, MN, from February 3-6, 2020. The total cost of this trip will be \$9,480 and will be funded by student fees and fundraising.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board approve the Extended Trip Request.

**C. Diploma Requests**

The following students have met all graduation requirements for the Duluth Public Schools and should be awarded a Diploma:

Gabriel Zane Lee - September 11, 2019  
 Bryce Scott Peterson - September 16, 2019  
 Travis Warren Aho - September 17, 2019  
 Yana Ione Davis - September 24, 2019

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve the above Diploma requests

**3. Future Items**

**Policy Updates**

**2019-20 SIPs**

**Dyslexia Presentation**