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SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Applications

The School Division recognizes the importance of professional and technical development of its employees and shall make every effort to make an appropriate level of professional development funds available according to Division funding limitations. For professional staff wishing to attend conferences, seminars, and workshops related to professional development which occur in locations outside of the Kelsey School Division and for which there are travel and accommodation costs involved, these guidelines indicate how they apply to financial assistance.

1. Professional Development funding may be available from the following sources:
 - a) The Kelsey School Division Professional Development budget, funds that are administered by the School Division Superintendent according to budgeted allocations and Division priorities.
 - b) The Professional Development Committee of the Kelsey School Division, funds administered by that committee.
 - c) Special grants provided by organizations or agencies to meet their specific needs.
 - d) Individual personal professional funds allocated to teachers employed by the school division.

2. Application forms for all Professional Development activities shall be submitted to the Superintendent via the principal at least one month prior to the date of the activity so that they may be processed in sufficient time. Professional staff must apply for funds in the following order (if funding is to be requested from either or all of the sources):
 - a) Any special grant, when applicable, via the organization or agency involved.
 - b) The Kelsey School Division teacher personal Professional Development budget.

3. The Kelsey School Division Professional Development Committee will make recommendations on Division-wide professional development prior to the start of the school year.

B. Support for Division Directed Professional Development.

1. Upon the direction of the Division, selected participants shall complete an application for financial support that includes all the appropriate costs for the particular seminar, workshop, conference, or event.

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2. Approved costs shall be as per Kelsey School Division Policy BID (Board Expenses).
3. All necessary advertising, brochures, and information which clearly specify the length of the conference, themes, speakers, etc. must accompany the application. Late requests or requests with insufficient information will be tabled for future consideration.

C. Principal Recommendations for Teacher Attendance at Inservice or Conferences

Principals will utilize the following guidelines in making recommendations for attendance at an in-service or conference by members of their school’s professional staff, based on funds available.

1. Assess the potential benefit to students in the school, class, or School Division as a whole.
2. Assess the applicability of the conference topics to the teaching responsibilities of the teacher.
3. Assess the sharing that has been or will be provided to the professional staff.
4. Consider the number of in-services this teacher has applied for and/or has attended to date.
5. Assess the teacher's personal needs to becoming more effective.
6. Assess the economic factor (i.e. costs versus the benefit derived).
7. Assess whether the applicant's request to attend is only a personal benefit and/or is a concept in which the school is involved.
8. Assess the need for the School Division to have a resource person in this area.
9. Assess the educational requirement for the applicant to attend.