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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: Courtney Haeick

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 14th-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, I would now like to pursue professional 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 AP or Portfolio. 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 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.

Finally, I do not need a sub as the conference is during spring break.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

