

Land Trust Committee Meeting
1/12/26 @ 3:30 Mr. Clark's Office

Members Present: Sara, Seth, Miguel, Kathleen, Brady

Not Present: Blake Clark

Voting for Board Chair and Members

Brainstorm Ideas for Future Plan (2026-2027)

Instructional Staffing & Classroom Support

There was strong consensus and interest from the committee in increasing **instructional staff and classroom support**, especially in **grades 4–7**, with the greatest need identified in **6th and 7th grade**.

- The committee reviewed **Land Trust Goal #3**, which currently includes **\$40,000** allocated this year for instructional support.
- Members expressed interest in **increasing this allocation** if there are **remaining or unused funds** from other goals.

Review of Technology Funding (Goal #1)

The committee discussed whether the **software portion of the technology budget in Goal #1** was:

- **A one-time purchase**, or
- **A recurring annual expense**

If it is a one-time purchase, members felt that **unused funds** from this goal could potentially be **reallocated to Goal #3** to support additional instructional staffing.

After-School Programs (Goal #4)

There was also interest in **increasing funding for after-school programs and supplies** under **Goal #4**, recognizing the role these programs play in supporting student achievement and engagement.

Funding Flexibility & Next Steps

A question was raised for **Blake** regarding:

- Whether **any items could be moved out of the Land Trust budget** to free up funding for **two additional instructional staff or classroom support positions**, or
- Whether there are **other funding sources** outside of Land Trust that could be used to support these positions.

Blake will review budget options and funding flexibility and provide follow-up information to the committee.

Summary

The committee expressed a clear priority for:

- Increasing **instructional staff and classroom support**, especially in **grades 6–7**
- Exploring **budget efficiencies** in other goals to reallocate funds toward this need
- Strengthening **after-school supports**

These priorities will guide upcoming budget discussions and potential revisions to the Land Trust plan.

Next Meeting - February 9th @ 3:30 in Mr. Clark's Office