

Land Trust Committee Meeting
2/09/26 @ 3:30 Mr. Clark's Office

Members Present: Sara, Seth, Miguel, Brady

Not Present: Kathleen

Approve Future Plan (2026-2027)

Review of Technology Funding (Goal #1)

- It was determined that Technology Funding (Goal #1) will remain unchanged. Software programs are renewed annually, with funding for software costing \$5,000 or less provided through the Land Trust. Any remaining costs exceeding \$5,000 are funded through the General Budget.
- It was noted that technology relies heavily on Land Trust funds.

Teacher PD Opportunities (Goal #2)

- A budget allocation of \$30,000 is designated for professional development opportunities for teachers. This amount will remain unchanged for the 2026–27 budget year.

Instructional Staffing & Classroom Support (Goal #3)

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.
- An additional \$30,000 in funding will be allocated to hire three (2) additional Teacher Assistants. One Teacher Assistant will support the 6th and 7th grades, and one will serve as a roaming Teacher Assistant to provide additional support as needed.
- Seventy-five percent of funding for Teacher Assistants is provided through Trust Lands funds, with the remaining costs covered by the General Budget.
- It was noted that, should additional funding opportunities become available, the committee would pursue additional funding to support Teacher Assistants. The committee identified this as the highest priority for any additional funds.

After-School Programs (Goal #4)

- During the previous meeting, there was discussion regarding increasing funding for after-school programs and supplies under Goal #4, recognizing the important role these programs play in supporting student achievement and engagement. It was determined at this meeting that a carryover amount of \$1,169.37 would be added to the after-school activities and supplies budget, bringing the total allocation to \$18,000.

Funding Flexibility & Next Steps

- Blake reviewed budget options and funding flexibility and provided follow-up information to the committee.
- There was discussion regarding a potential increase to teacher salaries, and it was determined that teachers would likely receive a 3% salary increase.
- It was noted that, unless additional questions regarding funding arise, this will be the final meeting of the current school year.

Summary

- Sara made the motion to approve the budget as it stands.
- Miguel seconded the motion.
- Brady made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Seth seconded the motion.