

Teachers' Greatest Needs

Polaris High School Community Council Report

February 10, 2016

The purpose of this information is to assess the greatest needs of Polaris teachers so to best allocate Land Trust Funds. Every school receives School Land Trust Program funding through a student enrollment based endowment formula. The allocation comes from annual interest and dividend income from investment of the permanent State School Fund. The funds flow through the school district, and Charter school funds are sent to directly to the school.

Name/title	Needs	#	Estimated Cost	Comments
Mary Gale Resource Teacher	Laptops for portable classrooms			Not sure if network will support it, but better than going to library which takes away instructional time, library much less controlled environment.
William Gillespie	Kids need to put away their phones			Kids cant seem to self regulate
Scott Willis	Attendance, especially first and eighth			Would a more aggressive tracking policy help?
Jennifer Guiver	New PC computers	2 minimum, 20 would be ideal.		Access to better technology; updated student computers and a printer for students. computers so slow they use their phones and cant do power point etc. Mac cart is new, PC is outdated.
Jennifer Huffaker Math Teacher	Graphing Calculators TI-84 plus/school edition yellow	10	@\$100 ea?	Often not enough for the 20+ students in class, teaches how to use the tools, would like more for checkout for absent students. only have one for checkout and not enough available for students reuesting
Jennifer Huffaker Math Teacher	Software for math department	1		Software will expire in March used to create assignments so teachers can help students rather than write problems
Patrick Tolman Social Studies Teacher	Attendance incentives, recognizing challenges to attendance			Biggest hindrance to graduation is attendance. More focus on this could be helpful.

✓

✓

District Ed
✓

DIST. Ed.
✓

Kelly Fay Art Teacher	Printers in media center			Outdated and non-working tech biggest hindrance
Kelly Fay Art Teacher	Computers in Media Center			
Betty Woodruff FACS Teacher	Reading intervention			The greatest need for many students is improving reading ability and comprehension. Students drop out when school gets overwhelming

✓
news
ella