

Allocations Overview for 2009-2010

(Multiple dates with multiple allocations are listed below). **The following text has been edited by the Education Foundation WebMaster for website purposes...*

The Allocations Committee met on **June 3, 2010** and recommends the allocation of \$ 64,210.07 for the following items:

1) Science

The Science department is requesting funding for supplies in all science labs. Funding will be used to replace supplies for existing labs and to provide supplies for expanded lab use in the new science building. This funding will support students in chemistry, biology and physics classes.

2) Math

K. Bennett is requesting funding for 18 sets of view-thru relational blocks, 1 set of large blocks, three dimensional geometric stamps and a dry erase toolkit for the whiteboard. The blocks provide hands-on comparison of physical volumes, and the stamps/tool kit will enhance classroom efficiency and clarity.

3) School wide

D. Beverly is requesting funding for eight HP laser printers to replace aging and inefficient inkjet printers throughout the campus. The HP P2035N is becoming the school standard.

4) Technology

A. Marzilli requests funding to pay D. Beverly and an assistant for their support of the school's technology needs for next year. The requested funding allows D. Beverly to be released from three teaching periods and provides for part time support from a TBD assistant. These are ongoing allocations that the Ed Fund has made for several years.

The Allocations Committee met on **May 5, 2010** and recommended the allocation of \$ 4182.23 for the following items:

1) Special Education

D. Cassidy has requested a Document Camera to supplement and reinforce the content/curriculum she uses in her Directed Studies program. The camera will provide better access to and understanding of the program's content.

2) Art

A. Rausch has requested eight (8) regular firebricks, one (1) terminal firebrick and two (2) new heat elements to maintain a six-year-old kiln. These parts will greatly extend the life of the kiln.

3) Science

J. Yi has requested 45 biology subjects for dissection by both AP Biology and Biology higher level students. Dissection of the minks will supplement the lecture material on physiology and is the perfect post-AP test activity for the students.

4) Math and English

A, Marzilli (on behalf of the English and Math departments) has requested four document cameras (like those in the Science Building) to project overhead materials through the data projector for a larger and clearer image.

The Allocations Committee met on **March 3, 2010** and recommended the allocation of \$ 15,190.81 for the

following items:

1) Social Science

R. Kavigan is requesting funding to purchase Economics Alive, the last of four social science resources provided as a set. The department already owns History Alive, Geography Alive and Government Alive. They were purchased by FEF several years ago but the final installment was not then available.

2) Science

J. Yi is requesting reimbursement for the USA Biology Olympiad registration fee that she already paid. The Olympiad provides students an opportunity to compete against others on a state and national level.

3) Science

Mrs. Biller is requesting funding to purchase replacement rechargeable batteries and 2 charging stations for the department's Xplorer GLX handheld data collection devices. These devices allow students to conduct technology-based experiments which are required by state standards. Some of the current batteries have failed and the charging stations are recommended to increase battery life.

4) Library

C. Dietz is requesting funding to purchase two book dollies to facilitate retrieval of books from the textbook room and delivery to the circulation desk. The dollies will expedite the delivery of books and ease heavy lifting by library staff.

5) Science - Physics

Mr. Hepinger is requesting funding for physics-based probes that are compatible with the department's current Xplorer GLX data collections devices. The probes meet a state mandate of technology-based experimentation and provide students with much improved measuring capabilities. Mr. Hepinger originally requested funding for 5 different types of probes. The Allocations Committee is recommending approval of 2 types of probes (Force and Motion) at this time. With the school year ending, Mr. Hepinger would not be able to utilize all 5 probes and should be encouraged to make additional requests at a future date.

6) Journalism

J. McDermott is requesting funding for 6 new PCs for the Journalism program and for production of the Knight Life newspaper. She currently has two modern and sufficient PCs and 6 older PCs that are not able to run the latest software purchased by the FEF. The Allocations Committee is recommending the purchase of 4 new PCs because there may be ASB funding available for the remaining two.

7) Visual and Performing Arts

C. Dehn is requesting funding for a used Light Board Console for use in Knights on Broadway and other productions. This console was rented by the department for the recent performance and significantly improved the production and reduced production time which translated into students getting home earlier and missing less school. The Allocations Committee is recommending that the department trade-in its used light board and apply already budgeted rental fee from the Booster program to further offset the purchase price.

8) English

J. Kasper is requesting funding for substitute teachers for the English Department so that the annual portfolio assessments can be completed on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. This is an annual request that the FEF approves.

9) Schoolwide

D. Beverley is requesting funding for 3 replacement NEC projector bulbs on behalf of Foothill. Two are needed immediately and one will be kept on hand as a spare.

The Allocations Committee met on **February 3, 2010** and recommended the allocation of \$9,365.18 for the following items:

1) Physical Education

M. Hagstrom is requesting: 1) To supplement equipment needed to teach activities necessary to meet California state standards that the TUSD is unable to cover, (including playground balls, footballs, basketballs, volleyballs, dodge balls, softballs, etc... Softball gloves, weights for conditioning, iPod speakers for dance, etc...). 2) The ability to attend a conference on nutrition and educational standards to learn and teach to her students.

2) World Language

J. Cogan is requesting that she and two staff colleagues attend a conference on comprehensive-based language teaching methods. The conference is be sponsored by project COACH and will feature keynote speaker Dr. Stephen Krashen. By attending the conference, they intent to help improve department standards on communication, culture, communities, connections and comparisons.

3) AVID

K. Dang and E. Brunasso are requesting a single site license fee paid to the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) that enables teachers to attend three AVID conferences this year at the OCDE.

4) Math

J. Cutler is requesting the renewal of "Hot Math". This is a website supporting certain math textbooks in algebra, geometry, calculus, etc... providing help and answers to odd numbered answers in the book. FHS students have queried 12,000 solutions since July. This service is privately available per family by the allocations committee recommends that the board funds the service at the substantial discount of \$0.75 per student.

5) Library

C. Dietz is requesting to attend a seminar on "Best books for reluctant readers and how to use them in your program (grades 6-12)". She hopes to learn techniques used to engage non-readers in the joy and power of reading.

6) Music

G. Waible is requesting to replenish, update and add equipment for the instrumental music department. From mallets to base drums and snare drums to brushes, this request includes 34 items that would have otherwise been covered by the districts fine arts grant that was lost last year.

7) Mathematics

J. Farr is requesting to attend the Solar Schoolhouse Forum to seek solar project ideas for "Project Lead the Way". "Project Lead the Way" is a grant that was awarded to FHS, to fund a three-year engineering curriculum where students learn to draw, build and apply sustainable engineering concepts.

The Allocations Committee met on **January 6, 2010** and recommended the allocation of \$ 9,665.85 for the following items:

1) Foreign Language - Latin

M. Farrell has requested funding for one set of Latin Level II DVDs and one set of 16 posters depicting the modern use of the Latin language. The DVDs are required to meet a California State requirement and the posters help demonstrate the use of Latin for modern communication.

2) Technology

D. Beverly is requesting funding to purchase 26 laptop cases for existing Toshiba and Dell laptops. The

laptops were provided to Foothill for the science building through an Athletic donation program but came without carrying cases.

3) Video Production

D. Beverly is requesting funding for High Definition switching, converting and monitoring equipment to be used in conjunction with our existing High Definition cameras. Half of the total cost of the equipment will be funded through the Foothill Media Arts Tech Center grant. This equipment will provide Video Production students with current and state of the art technologies and will benefit assemblies and other performances at Foothill.

The Allocations Committee met on **December 2, 2009** and recommends the allocation of \$ 6,911.87 for the following items:

1) Library

C. Dietz has requested funding for a laptop computer in the library to be used for research and presentations requested by other teachers. With a mobile laptop, the presentations can be developed by students and then easily presented in the classrooms.

2) English

C. Subherwal has requested funding to attend a California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) conference in February. This is an annual conference funded by the Foothill Education Fund and includes conference registration and a substitute teacher for two days.

3) Math

On behalf of the Math department, Mr. Marzilli has requested funding for two document cameras to improve the clarity of class work projected through the data projectors. One math teacher currently uses a document camera and it has greatly improved his math presentations. It is anticipated that more of these cameras will be requested in the future by other math teachers once they see the benefit.

4) Science / School

Mr. Marzilli has requested funding for 3 computer tables to complete the PC lab in the new Science Center. The 3 tables are in addition to 14 others funded by the district and by ASB. These tables have retractable computer monitors that can be hidden within the tables, allowing them to be used for other purposes.

The Allocations Committee met on **November 6, 2009** and recommends the allocation for the following items:

1) Career Center

L. Hermanson has requested funding to renew the annual site license software subscription for the Bridges software, which students use to explore potential college and career options. The software is web-based and can be used by all students at school and at home.

2) AVID / English

E. Brunasso has requested funding to supply three substitute teachers so that she and two other AVID teachers can attend an AVID conference on Critical Reading at OCDE.

3) AVID / English

E. Brunasso has requested funding for a site license to AVID weekly, an internet-based curriculum tool designed by AVID to teach critical reading skills to students. The tool will be used by AVID and English teachers and their students, and may be used at school and at home.

4) Instrumental Music

G. Waibel has requested funding for sheet music for a new Guitar class that is being offered. Seventy one are signed up for the class which currently has no sheet music.

The Allocations Committee met on **September 30, 2009** and recommends the allocation for the following items:

1) World Languages

J. Cogan requested funding for 2 staff members to attend the COACH Fall workshop to learn practical activities and assessments designed to meet the new California World Language Standards. This is a weekend conference and no travel reimbursement is required.

2) Science

M. Rizza requested funding for chemicals required for Biology and Chemistry classes throughout the school year. Without these chemicals, students would be deprived of hands-on lab experiences and AP and IB classes could fail to meet curriculum standards.

3) Science

M. Rizza requested funding for biology subjects needed for the anatomy and physiology units in honors biology. A similar request was approved and funded last year.

4) English

K. Schwab has requested funding for materials necessary for students to prepare and compete in the Academic Decathlon. This is an annual request that is approved and funded each year.
