Walkathon - Application for Funds

NEVADA UNION *Miners*

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Department or Program Affiliation: English / Partnership

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Awards for the 2015-16 school year will be of a maximum amount of $500 per recipient based on the funds generated by this year's event.

1.   **Describe the project for which you would like to request Walkathon funding.**

In light of recent OARS assessments, and other data, there is evidence that shows our students need to be exposed to more engaging informational text. The English department has, over the past few years, attempted to add more of this text type to our resource collection however the choices are still limited. In Partnership, where students are being asked to connect real-world reading and writing skills to their production of media the need for informational text is even greater. The project which I would like to request funding for would be a class set of *I Am Malala*, an informational text that addresses the need to meet the new standards, as well as the need to connect Partnership students to real-world media based writing.

2.   **How will this funding help in the pursuit of our School Site Goals? Specifically, what School Site Goal(s) will be addressed? (see attached)**

One of the school site goals that will be addressed is the further development and clarity of departmental learning outcomes based on the CCSS and the improvement of the consistency and integration of instruction across the curriculum. The informational text will allow students to access events that relate to their world history class, which helps to integrate curriculum. The students will be engaged because the material is recent, relevant to understanding the uniqueness of different cultures and world perspectives, and it can be easily supplemented with other informational texts relating to current events. Students will be focused on evaluating an author's claims, citing evidence to support such claims, determining an author's viewpoint, and analysis of how an author's ideas unfold over the course of the text. The second school site goal that will be addressed is the increased use of technology by students to prepare them for post-graduation, research and communication as well as an increase in the availability and use of a variety of technological tools used for instruction in the classroom. Students will be able to collaborate, research, read, and create using digital tools and resources. Partnership students will use Google Docs, spreadsheets, and Google slides to create a digital portfolio that will include their best media work (newspaper articles, public service announcements, commercials, business letters, emails, documentaries, and interviews). The digital portfolio can be easily transferred to the next grade level where it will be added to and edited until, in the senior year, Partnership students will have a digital portfolio of their best work.

3.   What amount of funds are you requesting? Detail how these funds will be spent, including the total cost of the project and other sources of funding that have been explored.

The Bookseller has quoted a price for 40 copies of the book at $553.60. I am aware that the max amount of funding available is $500.00. The individual book cost is $13.84 with the 20% discount offered by The Bookseller. Ideally, I would want to order all 40 books. Realistically, I would use the funds to order the maximum of 36 books at $498.24 and I would pay for the additional 4 books out of pocket. The English department and the Partnership Academy does not have adequate funding for ordering more books.

4.   Has the project received administrative approval?

This request does not have administrative approval, as of yet.

Administrative Support: _____   yes   no
                              (signature)   (circle one)

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Funding Approved/~~Denied~~ _____ Date ~~4/11/16~~ 5/12/16

Reason for Denial ___Able to fund the project w/ site instructional funds.___

School Site Council Signatures   Date

Chairperson _____

Secretary _____   5/16/16