

Lewiston-Altura Education Association Meeting

January 5, 2010

Meeting called to discuss Race to the Top.

Matthew went through the RTTT power point presentation.

1. Not talking about a lot of money
2. Competition to see who can improve education the most
3. Lasts for 4 years but we're then required to do this indefinitely even if we run out of money
4. Need to have program up and running by 2012
5. It is basically Q-Comp.
6. RTTT involves running a Q-Comp program.
7. We just found out about this program at the start of December.
8. Dr. Montplaisir got an e-mail from the state saying we *could* get \$400,000 over 4 years.
9. Signing a MOU says we will look into this program but we are not committed to implement it.
10. Randi K. says EdMn doesn't recommend this program but they would stand by us if we get involved.

Other members' comments on this program...

-- 1/2 of the money is tied to Title I. During a staff development meeting, the administration said all the money would go to staff development.

--Dr. Montplaisir has expressed that he wants to sign up so we don't miss out. If we don't sign up by January 13, we can't get in from then on.

--Q-Comp didn't take off because they didn't want a negative climate among staff. Dave feels that way too.

--If the extra money comes in, some didn't think we will even see that money.

--Only 10-15 states will be chosen.

--The district could sign up without us.

--We should at least look into this so we don't look bad to the board.

--Sounds like we won't even get enough money to run the program.

The recommendation from the executive committee was as follows: We will go forward with 5 members to look into this program with adequate compensation.

Tori made a motion to send 5 members to form a committee to explore RTTT provided there will be adequate compensation. Lori seconded. Motion carried with a hand count vote.