

Keating Elementary School Professional Development Policy

2017 – 2018

(Ratified on September 20, 2017 at Staff Committee Meeting)

1. This policy will be reviewed annually at the October staff meeting or teaching staff committee meeting before being submitted to the Joint Professional Development Committee.
2. Professional Development money will be held in Individual Accounts. Each full-time equivalent teacher's Professional Development allowance is approximately \$200, per FTE calculation. Part time staff members can apply to have funds up to \$200 if the school funds are available and approved by the Pro D committee in advance based on other school assignments. Individual accounts/funds do not carry over to subsequent school years. In May, the STA Professional Development Representative will allocate any surplus money, from that school year, equally to all members who exceeded their original allotment up to \$500/teacher (including the original reimbursement) in the current school year upon their request.
3. Teachers who exceed the amount of money allocated to them or who fail to seek pre-approval may bear the additional costs themselves.
4. All requests for funding must be accompanied by original receipts, except for meals.
5. The STA Professional Development Representative manages the teacher professional development money. This person may have a committee or clerical assistance but is ultimately the manager of this money.
6. Teachers may use Professional Development funds for any professional development activity that falls within the guidelines set by the Joint Professional Development Committee.
 - a. Professional Conference registration and related expenses
 - b. Professional workshops in and out of district
 - c. School visits
 - d. NON-credit courses that cannot be claimed for income tax purposes
 - e. Professional association membership dues
 - f. Individual research expenses EXCLUDING personal payment (e.g. a part-time teacher cannot be paid wages for attending Pro D on a day off)
 - g. Professional books, journals, and digital professional memberships
 - h. Release time for staff initiated meetings and work sessions
7. Keating's surplus funds may be used for:
 - a. Expenses and honoraria for presenters
 - b. Staff retreats/staff development activities
 - c. Staff initiated meetings and work sessions

NOTE: Professional Development funds may not be used to purchase equipment of any kind or for personal payment of any kind.