



Classroom Innovation Grant Application (*formerly Venture Grants*)

Deadline - October 27, 2010

Overview

The information that you will include in the attached application form will provide the LPEF Grants Committee with the data needed to determine whether or not to fund your project. Applications may be from staff, students, parents or community members who partner with School District of La Crosse staff. Applications for other opportunities with the Foundation are available for download on our website at www.lpefonline.org.

Guidelines

- Grants must serve the students in the School District of La Crosse.
- Projects must be innovative, creative and new funding initiatives within the School District of La Crosse.
- The grant may be denied if another funding source might be more appropriate.
- Project funds must be spent by May of 2012.
- Interim and final reports will be required.
- Payments for services of La Crosse School District employees are prohibited.

Criteria

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis by the Grants Committee of the La Crosse Public Education Foundation. Priority is given for Classroom Innovation Grants that:

- meet multiple educational objectives
- align with district/school/curricular goals
- impact a variety of students and/or schools
- are collaborative
- are sustainable

Please see the Classroom Innovation Grant evaluation rubric for the grant proposal evaluation criteria. Although most applications are worthy of awarding, the committee has limited funding and must set priorities that help the foundation fulfill its mission.

Instructions

- € Complete the following grant application.
- € Save as a Word document. Name the document the same name as your grant proposal.
- € Print page 1 of the application. Sign and obtain other necessary signatures. Submit a paper copy of page 1 to the La Crosse Public Education Foundation at Hogan via inter-school mail or by mail to P.O. Box 1811, La Crosse, WI 54602-1811.
- € Submit the entire application electronically to lpef@centurytel.net.
- € Both the paper copy and electronic copy must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2010.

If you have questions, please contact Geva Thole at 608-397-0176.



**La Crosse Public Education Foundation
Classroom Innovation Grant Application**

Section 1: Personal Information:

Name: Michael Brudos (representing the Business & Information Technology Department)

School: La Crosse Central High School & La Crosse Logan High School

Position/Title: Business & Information Technology Teacher

School Phone: 608-789-7900 x-4117

Section 2: Basic Project Information:

Project Title: "Mimio Teach" in Business Education

Total Request \$1250 (for two MimioTeach products – one at Central, one at Logan)

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Principal _____

Signature of IT Department Rep (if applicable) _____

The intention of the Foundation is to fund projects not covered by the regular school budget. Please document that regular avenues of funding have been exhausted. (i.e. requests to Principal and curriculum supervisors)

Section 3: Project Description:

- I. ***By September 1, 2011, the Business & Information Technology departments of Central and Logan High Schools would like to integrate the MimioTeach Interactive Tool ("SmartBoard without a SmartBoard") into our courses. Currently, neither school has a SmartBoard or any interactive demonstration tool in the Business & Information Technology departments. The MimioTeach is a newer low-cost solution to the interactive tools out there. The objective of this MimioTeach Interactive tool is to give students a more relevant, digital means for learning. Understanding a new technology system as well as improving teaching lessons by student participation and collaboration are also key objectives to this project.***

II.

Objectives of Project	List the corresponding district/school/curriculum goals (if applicable)	State how you will evaluate whether objectives are met.
<i>Students will be able to interact and collaborate with peers by using this tool as well as contribute to project teams to produce original works or solve problems.</i>	<i>ISTE Standard for Students, Communication and Collaboration</i>	<i>Students will work on group projects where they will utilize MimioTeach to help demonstrate their work to the class.</i>
<i>Students will understand and use a new technology system, select and use the application effectively and productively, be able to troubleshoot systems and applications, and transfer current knowledge to learning of new technologies.</i>	<i>ISTE Standard for Students, Technology Operations and Concepts</i>	<i>Students will be asked to make presentations using the MimioTeach for a class assignment. Students will be expected to utilize all tools available.</i>
<i>Teacher s will be able to improve lessons by communicating relevant information and ideas effectively to students, parents, and peers using a variety of digital-age media and formats</i>	<i>ISTE Standard for Teachers, Model Digital-Age Work and Learning</i>	<i>If students are able to understand lessons better, if students are more interested in the subject matter due to their participation in activities throughout the lesson.</i>

III.

Activities to Accomplish Objectives	Who Will Be Responsible for Implementation	Resources Needed (not financial)	Timeframe to Accomplish
<i>Group Projects</i>	<i>Business & Info Tech Teachers</i>	<i>Mimio Teach</i>	<i>Course Units throughout various courses in Business and Info Tech</i>
<i>Teacher Lessons</i>	<i>Business & Info Tech Teachers</i>	<i>Mimio Teach</i>	<i>Course Units throughout various courses in Business and Info Tech</i>
<i>Student Demonstrations</i>	<i>Business & Info Tech Teachers</i>	<i>Mimio Teach</i>	<i>Course Units throughout various courses in Business and Info Tech</i>

IV. What is the lifespan of this project?

The lifespan of this project is hard to predict when it comes to technology, but we see the MimioTeach to be a part of our business education curriculum for 5-10 years or more. As a low-cost solution to a Smart Board, this is a great opportunity to teach our digital learners of today for years to come.

V. Approximately how many students will be affected by this project? Explain your number.

Each business education teacher has approximately 10 sections per year. If each class has 25 students, we would be at 250 students per teacher per year. This would affect a large percentage of our La Crosse School District students over the next few years.

VI. Please state how you will collaborate with...

Other organizations in the community (if applicable)

In Business & Information Technology education, we are constantly having guest speakers come in to our community. This MimioTeach could enhance all presentations by allowing these speakers to utilize the tools to create a learning environment. This would be a great resource for speakers to utilize; not to mention, it is a great opportunity for the community to see the technology tools we are using in our classrooms today.

Other schools in the district (if applicable)

Our department would like to become more involved with leading staff development workshops and courses on technology. With this interactive tool, we would be able to offer teachers a more effective method of instruction.

Other departments/classrooms (if applicable)

One of the advantages to the MimioTeach is its ease to move from location to location. If teachers needed to do a presentation using this product, we would be happy to share.

VII. What will happen to the project at the conclusion of the grant? If it is to continue, how will it be sustained?

At the conclusion of this grant, we will continue to utilize this MimioTeach in our classrooms. We realize there is a limited warranty with this product, but after the warranty expires, we will need to use our current department budget to maintain the product. We strongly believe that the benefits of this product will justify using our budgeted monies to maintain it.

VIII. How could the project be shared with other teachers and schools to benefit more students?

As previously stated, we would welcome the opportunity to have more staff development workshops in our department to share other technology ideas and applications. This interactive tool will allow us to offer a more updated and effective method of instruction. Our hope is that we can be one of the leaders to get other teachers to get involved and feel more comfortable with interactive tools in their classrooms.

Section 4: Budget Information:

Item	Supplier	Budgeted Amount
<i>MimioTeach Interactive Tool</i>	<i>DYMO: Interactive Teaching Technologies</i>	<i>\$1250 (\$625 per high school)</i>

Total request: **\$1,250**

Other sources of funding for this project (if applicable): **None**

Total budget to accomplish project: **\$1,250**

Section 5: Summary:

How will this project bring visibility to LPEF in the community?

We hope to continue the strong tradition of utilizing current technologies for instruction as well as communication and collaboration without community. We hope to use this interactive tool in our classroom (for teacher instruction, group collaboration and presentation, and every day participation); in our schools (demonstrations, staff developments); and in our community (guest speakers). Our department has spent a lot of time updating curriculum in our technology based courses; this interactive tool will allow us to take this instruction one step further for our students as well as staff members and community.

Please provide a one paragraph summary of your project including an explanation of why we should fund your project.

Trying to stay up to date with the latest technology is very difficult as the changes are constant. The Business & Information Technology Department strives to be one of the leaders of our school in technology. Unfortunately, our budgeted monies have not allowed us to find money to buy Smart Boards or other interactive tools in the past. Previous budgeted monies have gone to cover replacement for printers, toner cartridges, and other software necessary for our curriculum. Over the past summer, we saw a demonstration on the MimioTeach Interactive Tool which allows us to transform any dry erase board into a fully interactive whiteboard. This tool is not only less expensive than Smart Boards but it is easy to handle and transport as the size of the MimioTeach bar is just larger than a ruler. We currently do not have any interactive tool in our departments at either Central or Logan High Schools, and this grant would allow us to allow our students with new, digital methods of learning and collaboration. This MimioTeach is the real deal and we would like to give our students and our community this incredible learning and collaborative opportunity.