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Suggested Motion: Move to approve the Group VIII Program Request

Recommended Action: Approve as presented

The Power of the Pen Creativity Club is an extracurricular group originally formed by Kassandra Bowman (8th grade ELA). This club meets after school every Tuesday from October – April from 2:45-4:05 pm.

Details of the program are attached.

Group VIII Program Request

Teacher Name: Kassie Bowman Date: 2/16/17

School/Project Location: NBMS

Project Name: Power of the Pen

1. Briefly describe how students will benefit from this program:

Power of the Pen currently has 25+ members. Attendance fluctuates between 15-20 students per meeting, depending on students' ZAP and sports commitments. Students who attend PoP meetings benefit in the following ways:

- Students are provided with a creative outlet to express themselves in a safe environment.
- Students are able to develop their writing skills with the help of a mentor (Bowman) and their peers.
- Students are provided with information about poetry/art contests through academic organizations that can help to build confidence in their talents.
- Students are provided with the opportunity to converse with peers in a respectful manner about academic and creative topics as well as their personal lives.
- Students build rapport with Ms. Bowman and each other which then benefits the class environment during the school day.

2. Describe the activities of this program:

The Power of the Pen Creativity Club is an extracurricular group originally formed by Cassandra Bowman (8th grade ELA). This club is organized and led at the middle school level by Cassandra Bowman and meets after school from 2:45-4:05 every Tuesday in her room, Rm. 1. A typical PoP meeting consists of:

- **Writer's Workshop:** Students can share any creative work with the group including, but not limited to, art, photography, poetry, short stories, novels and longer written works, lyrics, vocal performances, etc. "Student shares" are followed by open discussion and constructive criticism of their shared piece.
- **Publication:** Power of the Pen releases one publication per year which is a culmination of all participating members' chosen works. This publication also includes the work of students who are not in the club, but have chosen to submit their work. PoP members choose which of these submissions from non-members will be included in the publication. The publication was sent out to all 7th and 8th grade students at the end of last year as a PDF. The publication for the 2016-17 will be the same format, but we hope to print our publication in the future as a creative writing/art magazine.

3. Give a schedule of tentative dates and times for each activity.

Tuesdays, October - April. (Power of the Pen was originally paid using Title 1 funds before those funds were exhausted). The times run from 2:50-4:05

4. Total hours of project for teacher: 16 hours

Total cost of project: \$441.44

Reviewed by Principal: Jamison Pearce Date: 2/16/17

Reviewed by Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Project Approved: _____ Project Disapproved: _____

Reason if Disapproved: _____

Approved by the Board: _____ Date: _____