

Infinite Campus, a student information data system

Background

In response to many schools' finding their student data systems lacking, School Smart KC (SSKC), in collaboration with school leaders and external data consultants, worked to identify a better data system. Infinite Campus was selected. School Smart KC offered (via grant agreement) to pay for the purchase and implementation of Infinite Campus. The school would be responsible for on-going annual costs.

AFIA entered into this grant agreement with SSKC (as did at least 6 other schools). SSKC will reimburse AFIA \$29,370 for purchase and implementation: 1/3 upon signature (this has been received); 1/3 in August and 1/3 in March – the last two payments contingent on providing satisfactory results on progress.) AFIA will be responsible for on-going annual costs of \$31/student (round numbers: 275 students = \$8,500).

An invoice for \$29,370 was presented for payment in July. Expenditures >\$25k typically need board approval. However, time was of essence as AFIA wanted to begin the implementation process as soon as possible.

Decision:

- Treasurer approved invoice for \$29,370.
- Board will be briefed and asked to ratify this decision at the August board meeting.

Reasoning: (based on review of grant agreement, detailed invoice, and discussion with Tricia and Finance Committee)

- Initial purchase and implementation cost fully covered by the SSKC grant. AFIA should be able to meet all requirements necessary to receive full grant amount.
- Infinite Campus will replace existing Power School system. Power School has been found to be lacking, especially with respect to ongoing support. AFIA believes that with the backing of SSKC and being a part of a larger group clients, responsiveness to on-going needs will improve.
- Infinite Campus should save Phoebe many hours of her time as it relates to her work with core data.
- Tricia and Phoebe were part of SSKC's process and have spent ample time with consultants in due diligence.
- On-going annual costs are less than \$10k (no additional approval by Fin Comm or Board needed.)