

PLMS PTSA Curriculum Grant Committee

Mission, Values and Guiding Principles

Mission: The Pine Lake Middle School PTSA provides curriculum grants to PLMS teachers to enrich the educational experience of PLMS students. By offering such grants, the PTSA hopes to encourage teachers to engage our children academically in meaningful and memorable ways to develop curious, confident, and independent learners.

The PTSA grants funds to projects that exhibit the following values:

Student Focused, Curriculum Based, Innovative, Direct Impact on Student Learning

To that end, the following guiding principles are used for evaluating grant proposals:

1. Applicants demonstrate that their proposal communicates, enhances, or reinforces curriculum material for students.
2. Applicants demonstrate that their proposal is research-based or provide data or statistics that demonstrate the value of their proposal.
3. Applicants demonstrate that their proposal addresses requirements set forth by a government or governing agency (e.g. common core).
4. Applicants demonstrate that what is being funded directly benefits student learning (e.g. if educational software is funded, students interacting directly with the software learn the desired material.)
5. Applicants demonstrate innovation in communicating the curriculum material to students.
6. Proposals that have been funded two or more times in the past 5 years will receive lower priority than new proposals.
7. Just because the PTSA has funds to give does not mean that it will spend them. Proposals must exhibit the values reflected above.