

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO PARIS, FRANCE AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL OR OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of eleven (11) students at Lake View High School in an educational tour to Paris Travel/Study tour to Paris, France from March 17-24, 2005, and authorize expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Name: Lake View High School
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PROGRAM: This eight day trip is a culminating activity for students who have demonstrated academic achievement in French and their other courses. Prior to the trip orientation meetings with participants will take place once a month to familiarize students with what they will see and experience. Students will be introduced to the "City of Lights" with a ride up the Eiffel Tower and a boat tour down the river Seine. They will visit major museums, monuments, and neighborhoods: the Louvre museum, Musee d'Orsay, Versailles Palace, Arch de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Montmartre, Musee Rodin, Beaubourg, Quartier Latin, the Marais, the flea market, and of course a French fashion show at the Galeries Lafayette department store. Many of the students who are French Club members have been corresponding with students of our sister city school Lycee Albert Schweitzer just outside of Paris. They will spend an afternoon at the school, dine with them, and explore Paris in the evening with these French teens.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: There is no greater value than traveling and experiencing another culture. The students will improve their language skills because they will be surrounded by French and have the opportunity to use it on a daily basis. They will interact with French people of all ages from all walks of life: teens from the Lycee Albert Schweitzer, workers at the hotel where students are staying and the metro, servers in cafes and restaurants, and salesmen and women in the shops. The students will come away from this experience more confident with an expanded understanding of themselves and the world around them.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Prometour Inc. 339 rue St. Paul Est, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1H3, Canada.

COST: The per person cost is \$1,817 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc.. The costs will be paid by participants.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

Traveling with students will be: Donna Chen (Teacher), Julie Schwartz (volunteer), Caroline Erbmann (volunteer), Laura Moore (Parent), David Moore (Parent), Angelica Silva-Bahena (Parent), and Ellyn Prosise (Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student/persons are on file at Lake View High School.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this program.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Lake View High School on September 22, 2004.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to any agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – Any agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:


BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:


ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:


JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 


RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel