

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL IN A LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO CASABLANCA, FES, MARRAKECH AND RABAT MOROCCO AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of Lincoln Park High School in a Language and Cultural Learning Experience to Casablanca, Fes, Marrakech and Rabat Morocco and authorize travel expenses related to the program.

USER: LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL
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PROGRAM: Lincoln Park High School will send fifteen (15) students to Casablanca, Fes, Marrakech and Rabat Morocco from April 12, 2001 through April 21, 2001 in a Language and Culture Sister Cities Exchange Program. Students will spend nine days in Morocco and will be staying with Moroccan families. Some of Lincoln Park High School students hosted Moroccan students during the U.S. part of the exchange. All students are enrolled in French classes or have studied French at Lincoln Park High School.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students will practice their speaking and listening skills in French language. By living with Moroccan families who only speak French and Arabic and visiting numerous cultural institutions in Fes, Marrakech, Rabat and Casablanca, they will be immersed in the French Language and learn about the culture of the students of our sister city school Le Cedre in Casablanca. Past experience has shown that language proficiency (especially oral proficiency) is significantly and positively impacted by such an immersion program. Touring Morocco also enhances students' cultural sensitivity and global awareness.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this trip are provided by Le Cedre School once we are in Morocco. They are providing all lodging, meals and transportation. Participants will travel on regularly scheduled Northwest/KLM Airline flights. Departure is from O'Hare Airport, Thursday evening, April 12, 2001 with a return flight, arriving Saturday, afternoon, April 21, 2001.

COST: The per-pupil and per-adult cost is \$900 which includes the airfare and spending money for the meals during the daytime layover in Amsterdam. The cost will be paid by students and adults. Lodging, transportation, meals and sightseeing provided by Le Cedre School.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 97-1217-PO1 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults. Accompanying the students are Carol Sommers, Maureen Breen and Gabrielyn Watson are fluent in French. Janis Todd and Nicholas Sommers are semi-fluent in French. Gloria Walton and Iredean McFarland have been studying the language. All are staff at Lincoln Park High School. Mr. Sommers (substitute teacher) and Mrs. Sommers also speak Dutch to help out during the short layover in Holland.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student and adult are on file at Lincoln Park High School.

AUTHORIZATION: Not Applicable

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Chicago Public Schools.

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.

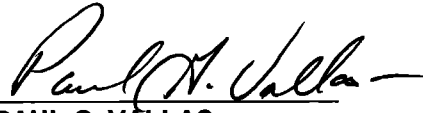
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

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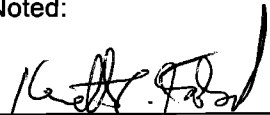


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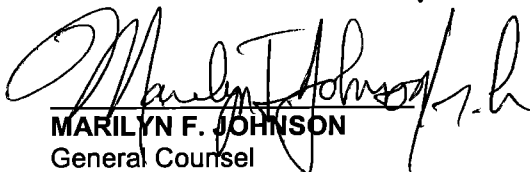
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