

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MARK T. SKINNER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA TO PARTICIPATE IN A UNIVERSAL DANCE ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of nineteen (19) Mark T. Skinner School Elementary School students on an educational tour to Orlando, Florida to participate in a universal dance association's national dance competition from February 4, 2005 through February 8, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Mark T. Skinner School
111. S.Throop Street
Chicago, Illinois 60607
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PROGRAM: Mark T. Skinner's award-winning Dance Club is a group of academically accelerated females wherein students participate in multicultural dance that includes ballet, jazz, hip hop, and dance choreography. Participation in this after-school Dance Club requires maintaining academic standards in the school, a team building and cooperative spirit, a high sense of self-worth, and an ability to learn dance. The program involves nineteen students who compete in the Midwest Universal Dance Association's Summer Camp. The winning teams advance to the National Dance Competition held February 4th through February 8th in Disney World's Sports Complex, Orlando, Florida.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students who participate in Dance Club are given the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills that demonstrate proficiency in creative movement and team building. National Dance Competitors also participate in workshops-choreography, team building, and new dance skills and receive personal docent tours of Disney's exhibits – El Rio Del Tiempo, Impressions De France, O Canada, Reflections of China, Kilimanjaro Safaris, Maharajah Jungle Trek, Discover Island Trails, Boneyard, Conservation Station, and Cretaceous Trails.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Students participating in the tour will receive transportation from their parents to Midway Airport. The students will be taking Southwest Airlines flight 1523 at 6:35 a.m. to Orlando, Florida.

COST:

The cost per person is \$788.00 that includes transportation, meals, hotel, admissions, health and accident insurance, and trip cancellation insurance.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03 -0527-P001 ("Policy on Students Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults. This reflects the ratio of one chaperone per ten students.

Traveling with students will be Mrs. Elizabeth Wardanian (teacher, dance coach), Mrs. Lorel Madden (parent), Mrs. Sandra Perry (parent), Mrs. Karen Graham (parent), Mrs. Maria Bruno (parent).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student/persons are on file at Mark T. Skinner School.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This was approved by the LSC for Mark T. Skinner School on November 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 June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

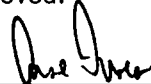
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



BARBARA EASON – WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



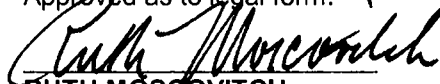
ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel