

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF VON STEUBEN HIGH SCHOOL
IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO PARIS, FRANCE AND MADRID, SPAIN AND
AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval of the participation of seven (7) Von Steuben High School students in an educational tour to Paris, France and Madrid, Spain from March 18-27, 2005 and authorize travel related expenses to the program if any.

USER: Von Steuben High School
5039 S. Kimball
Chicago, IL 60625
773-534-5100
User: Mr. Clifton Burgess, Principal

PROGRAM: Students will enjoy 4 nights in Paris and 3 nights in Madrid while immersing ourselves in the languages and cultures of 2 major European nations. The first night is on the plane to Europe. The next 4 nights are in a 3-star hotel in the heart of Paris. The next night is on a train to Spain. Then we will have 3 nights in Madrid. On our 5th day we take an excursion to the suburb of Paris for the Palace of Versailles and Marie-Antoinette's hamlet on the grounds of this site of the signing of the treaty that ended World War I. In addition, we'll visit sites in Toledo on the 8th day.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The outcome for the students taking this trip is two-fold; learn about other cultures and enhance their language skills. Opening one's eyes to a whole new culture is invaluable. The capitals we see, the different foods we try, the tours we take and the bonding that occurs among the roughly 40 people on the bus or those French and Spaniards we meet is an irreplaceable lifetime experience.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by NETC in Boston, a student educational travel organization. Their mailing address is 55 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108. Phone: 1-(800)-771-2323. Contact Person: Mireille Fortier.

COST: The cost per student is \$2,259, which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc.

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 the students will be Mrs. Rebecca Culbertson (teacher), and Mr. Ivan Rodriguez, (teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Von Steuben M.S.C.

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 Von Steuben M.S.C. on January 24, 2005.

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.

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