

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF WILLIAM B. OGDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO BARCELONA, SPAIN AND PARIS, FRANCE AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the participation of forty-one (41) Ogden Elementary School students in an educational tour to Barcelona, Spain and Paris, France from May 23-30, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: William B. Ogden Elementary School
24 West Walton Street
Chicago, IL 60610
773-534-8110
Mr. Kenneth M. Staral, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its language program (Spanish and French) William B. Ogden will send students who reflect the school's racial/ethnic population to Spain and France from May 23, 2005 through May 30, 2005.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students in the language program study a curriculum, which emphasizes oral fluency in foreign language and development of an awareness of cultural differences. During the field extension of their classroom studies, students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary Spanish and French life culture. The students and their teachers will follow a prescribed itinerary of sites historical and cultural interests related to the curriculum.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Travel arrangements, including air-far, hotel, and meals are being made by EFTours.

COST: The cost per person is \$1,634.00, which includes airfare transportation, on land coach buses, meals, hotel, health, and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury or death. Each individual participating on this trip will pay the costs. EFTours will cover all adult chaperone expenses.

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 Mr. Edgar Sanchez-Ferrer (Dean of Students), Mrs. Rosa Mora (Parent/Teacher Assistant), Mr. Jose Guerrero (Spanish teacher), Mrs. Frances Chiu (Math Teacher), Rita Somen (School Assistant), Kenneth Staral (Principal), and Mr. Andrew Matson (parent).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student will be on file at William B. Ogden School

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

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:



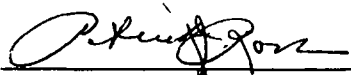
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel