

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO PARIS, FRANCE AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

The approval the participation of twenty-one (21) South Shore School of the Arts High School students in an educational tour to Paris, France from May24-June 1, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: School of the Arts
South Shore High School
7529 South Constance
Chicago, Illinois 60649
(773) 535-6180
User: Mr. Douglas Maclin, Principal

PROGRAM: Our World Language Program at School of the Arts South Shore High School will send students to Paris, France from May 24, 2005 through June 1, 2005.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: It is strongly believed that students learn a second language best when they are immersed in the language and culture. By traveling to Paris the students will have the opportunity to fully indulge in not only the French language, but also in the daily culture. This will be a great opportunity for the students to use everything that they have learned. The students will verbally, audibly, visually and kinesthetically learn through experience more about the language as a culture and not just as a spoken language. Overall we will give our students a life time opportunity to study a world language in a unique way; to be able to travel to a new place and discover the culture, heritage and way of living of those in a different country. During this voyage the students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary French lifestyles and culture. The students and their teachers/faculty will follow a prescribed itinerary of field trips to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: EF Explore America Tour Consultant makes arrangements for this program.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$1715 which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury death. Funds for the excursion are provided by grants, fund-raising activities so that no student is excluded for financial reasons.

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 Ms. Rejoyce Thrower (teacher), Ms. Donna Harris (teacher), Raelyn Riley (Assistant Principal), and Mr. Douglas Maclin (Principal).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at School of the Arts High 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 – The 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.

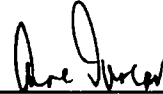
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:

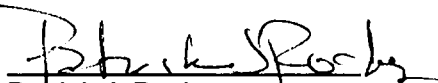


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

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John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

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General Counsel 