

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF MARK T. SKINNER'S DANCE CLUB IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize fifteen (15) Mark T. Skinner School's Dance Club student's to participate in the Universal Dance Association National's Dance Competition in Orlando, Florida from February 3rd through 7th, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Mark T. Skinner School
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Chicago, IL 60607
(773) 534-7790
User: Deborah M. Clark, Principal

PROGRAM: Mark T. Skinner's Dance Club is a group of academically accelerated females wherein students will participate in multicultural dance which includes ballet, jazz, modern, 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 thirteen students who compete in the Midwest Universal Dance Association's Summer Camp. The winning teams advance to the National Dance Competition held February 3rd through February 7th 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. (State Goals 12B3a & 3b, 18A2, 19A3-4, 19B3-4, 21, 25A3a & 4a, and 26A2a & 3a & 4a, 26B2a & 3a & 4a)

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Travel to Orlando, Florida will be made by airplane. Ground transportation will be provided by buses and/or shuttles. (See attached for proposed itinerary.)

COST: The cost per pupil is \$788.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, admissions, health and accident insurance, and trip cancellation insurance. The costs will be paid by monies from student fees (\$688), and fund-raising (100 per person).

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 Elizabeth Wardanian (Teacher), Lorel Madden (Parent), Sandra Perry (Parent), Lorie Vick (Parent), Marcia Alexander (Parent), and Mitzie Coaker (Parent).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student 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 Local School Council approval on December 14, 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.

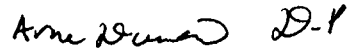
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



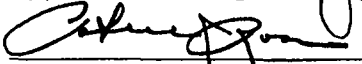
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form.



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel