

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

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of eighteen (18) South Shore School of the Art students in an educational tour to Madrid, Spain from May 22nd through 28th, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: School of the Arts High School on South Shore Campus
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Chicago, Illinois 60649
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Mr. Douglas L. Maclin, Principal

PROGRAM: Our world Language Program at the School of the Arts will send 18 students to Madrid, Spain from May 22, 2006 through May 28, 2006.

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 Spain the students will have the opportunity to fully indulge in not only the Spanish language, but also in the daily culture. This will be a great opportunity 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 lifetime 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 Spanish lifestyles and culture. The students and their teachers will follow a prescribed itinerary of field trips of sites of historical and cultural interests related to the curriculum.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by EF Explore America Tour Consultant.

COST: The cost per pupil is \$1,745 which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury death. Funds for the excursion are provided by 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 the students will be Ms. Kathleen Cook (teacher), Mr. Douglas Maclin (principal), Mr. Jeffery Maxwell (teacher), and Ms. Leslie Grant (teacher).

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: The Local School Council at South Shore School of the Arts is non-active at this time.

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
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Chief Education Officer

Approved:



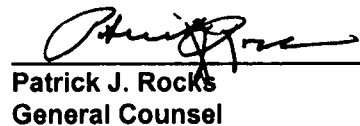
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Chief Financial Officer

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