

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF STEINMETZ ACADEMIC CENTRE IN THE  
BRAVE NEW VOICES INTERNATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of four (4) Steinmetz Academic Centre students to attend the Brave New Voices International Teen Poetry Slam in San Jose, California July 17, 2007-July 22, 2007.

**USER:** Steinmetz Academic Centre  
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Dr. Eunice Madon, Principal

**PROGRAM:** As winners of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Louder than a Bomb* Poetry Slam Young Chicago Authors (YCA) will send four (4) students to San Jose, California July 17, 2007-July 22, 2007 to compete in the Brave New Voices Poetry Slam.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** Students from Steinmetz's poetry club will participate in the Brave New Voices International Poetry Festival. This experience will improve the students' skills in writing and poetry performance. Students will participate in panel discussions and have the opportunity to listen to professional poets read their work. Finally the Steinmetz poets will compete in a Poetry competition with Young Chicago Authors all star team. This opportunity will showcase the talents of young student writers.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Young Chicago Authors. All cost will be paid by Young Chicago Authors. Steinmetz will be lodged at the Crown Hotel in San Jose, California.

**COST:** The cost per student and per coach for airfare, hotel accommodations, and food is approximately \$ 1200. Young Chicago Authors will be paying for all aforementioned cost. The second Teacher's cost will be paid for by Steinmetz. Any additional funds for spending money will be provided by the students.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including a proper ratio of students to adults. The chaperones traveling with the students are Chicago Public Schools teachers: James Sloan (Poetry Coach and English Teacher) and Jonathan Hood (Poetry Coach and Special Ed Teacher)

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Steinmetz Academic Centre.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable

**LSC REVIEW:** Received LSC approval.

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to the board at this time.

**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 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 termination of their terms of office.

INDEBTEDNESS – The Board’s indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

ETHICS – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2044 (04-0623-P04), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of agreement.

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:**

**Approved:**

  
Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel