

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF HORACE MANN MATH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO CALGARY, CANADA AND AUTHORIZE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the participation of eight (8) Horace Mann Math Science Technology Academy students in an educational tour to Calgary, Canada from May 27-June 4, 2005 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

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Users: Dr. Lawrence Turner, Principal and Donna G. Sorrell, Teacher

PROGRAM: The Smarter Kids Connection Program is a fully funded program sponsored by Smart Technologies that welcomes grade six teachers and students from eight schools in North American, Canada and Mexico with opportunities for adventure, discovery and growth. By exposing students and teachers to experiences outside their communities, the Foundation hopes that they will develop an understanding of and respect for each other's similarities and differences. While participating in Connections, students and teachers collaborate on projects and communicate with one another via e-mail, online bulletin boards and conferencing with the goal of encouraging mutual respect and understanding regardless of geographical location. The selected schools collaborate on curriculum-based projects designed to develop strong communication skills and to give students a way to learn about other participants in the program. Each spring, teachers and select students act as ambassadors for their schools and communities when they meet one another during a visit to Calgary.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The Connections program enhances student learning by opening the doors of communication and giving students the opportunity to interact in meaningful and relevant ways. It enables students to feel, witness, and partake in interactive programs. Most importantly, the program is a celebration of the similarities and differences that exists in students across North America. Lastly, it fosters an understanding of cultural diversity, social responsibility and respect for oneself and others.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Smart Technologies of Calgary, Canada. Costs associated with the Calgary Student visit and the teacher training, including airfare, accommodation, meals, local transportation and admission to Connections-sponsored activities, are covered by the SMARTer Kids Foundation.

COST: The cost per pupil/person cost is \$ 1500.00 (Canadian Dollars), which includes transportation, meals, hotel, costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. Smarter Kids Foundation will pay the costs.

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 Adam Loreda (Teacher), and Monique Chatman (Teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student is on file at Horace Mann 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.

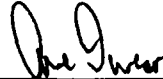
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



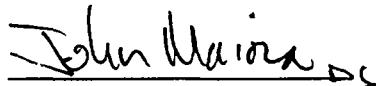
Barbara Eason-Watkins
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Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form



Patrick J. Rocks
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