

April 23, 2014

AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME AT LOUIS A. AGASSIZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment of an International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) at Louis A. Agassiz Elementary School (Agassiz).

DESCRIPTION: Effective July 1, 2014, Agassiz will begin application for candidacy to be able to offer the IB MYP to students in grades 6-8.

ENROLLMENT: Students residing within Agassiz's attendance boundary are entitled to attend Agassiz, as well as students admitted through the Options for Knowledge process.

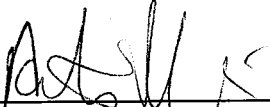
CURRICULUM: Agassiz Elementary will provide students with an internationally-focused education beginning at the kindergarten level and culminating with entry into the Middle Years Programme for grades 6 – 8. The IB MYP provides students with an academically challenging and balanced program that requires study across a broad range of subjects, and gives special emphasis to primary and secondary language acquisition. The program will equip students with the skills to learn and acquire knowledge, individually and collaboratively, and to apply these skills and knowledge accordingly across all subject areas.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The Board will open new teaching positions programmed as International Baccalaureate teacher in training positions and staffed by qualified teachers. Board representatives will discuss and attempt to resolve any impacts on current teaching staff with the teachers' bargaining representative. Educational Support Personnel positions will be unaffected.

FINANCIAL: An increase to the Department of Magnet, Gifted, and IB budget in the amount \$280,000 is necessary to fund approved IB training for school staff, administration, and fees associated with authorization. Projected costs also include 2 Magnet, Gifted, and IB funded teaching positions designated as an IB coordinator and world language instructor starting in the fall of 2014.

Approved for Consideration:



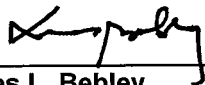
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