

# ***BRAY ELEMENTARY 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EGYPT TRIP!***

## ***PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM – SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING***

**Proposed dates** – , December 2, 2010 through December 10, 2010

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**History** – We have a unique 21<sup>st</sup> Century opportunity at Bray Elementary this year. Principal Robert Johansen will be attending and speaking at education events in Cairo and Alexandria Egypt December 2, 2010 – December 10, 2010 with People to People Ambassador Program in conjunction with the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Every year this organization sends educators to speak in countries and to dialogue about issues and trends in education. The scope of the trip will be to prepare months before by connecting to schools in Egypt and bring them into Bray Elementary using 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology and then go to them in December 2010 for a week to meet the students in the schools. The four general principles for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning are:

1. **Make learning relevant by**
2. **Taking the school out to the world**
3. **Bringing the world into the school**
4. **Using technology to help make this happen**

My proposal is to allow students to go to Egypt to experience the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. The idea is to set up a relationship with 2 schools, one in Cairo and one in Alexandria. In late September we will begin to communicate with the schools and share our educational experiences and life experiences with them. The students from Bray Elementary will then visit these school physically and shadow them for a day each to experience education from their point of view. The itinerary for Bray students, parents, and staff will mirror my itinerary with People to People. I will speak with the educators in the country while the Bray group performs at various places, visits the schools, communicates with the Egyptian students, and tours historic sites that only Egypt has to offer as seen in the itinerary. I see this experience as making history come alive as we tour ancient landmarks and cultures.

**Performance & Itinerary** – See Attached

**Students and chaperones** – My goal is to have 10 to 20 students with their parent(s) going to Egypt. I have several parents that are very interested in going and have a commitment to the trip upon CHISD Board approval. Mrs. Podany (Character Chorus Director) and Mrs. Walker (Assistant Principal) will be going. They will direct the tour according to the itinerary. I will meet them as the People to People schedule allows. I have received a commitment from Officer Podany and Sgt. Avalos to accompany us to Egypt. They will be the head of safety and security for the trip.

**Cost and sponsorship** – We are sponsoring our own trip. Most of the cost will be covered by the parents. The community is sponsoring some students and fundraising is set to begin once the trip is approved by the Board.

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The estimated cost for the trip is \$3,000.00 per person. The price includes all transportation including airfare, lodging, taxes, gratuities, food, a bus for the itinerary, and a guide.

**Miscellaneous** – All students/chaperones stay in the same hotel accommodations. The students will stay with their parent(s) or a designated chaperone in the rooms. All students/parents are required to sign a trip form outlining rules and guidelines. All participating will attend a safety/ security meeting with Officer Podany and Sgt. Avalos. Parents attending are required to have a background check before departure through our volunteer system at CHISD.

### **Security**

I have received a commitment from Officer Podany and Sgt. Avalos to accompany us to Egypt. They will be the head of safety and security for the trip. We will have a safety meeting with all parties before we depart. Communication with parents will be person to person or cell phone (special plan for over seas). The schedule will be followed by all parties involved in the Character Chorus Egypt trip

## **2010 Trip Educational Components**

**Music Component – Performances at an international level, cultural experience with music.**

**In order to be apart:** The Bray Elementary Egypt Group will be comprised of students that may range from K - 4<sup>th</sup> whose parents have made a commitment to the trip. It is strictly voluntary right now because most of the cost will have to be covered by the parent(s). The students must be a member of the Character Chorus because the trip will incorporate behavior leadership and musicianship in its mission. If approved, we will initiate fundraising to help with student costs.

**World Class Goal** – This extra curricular event helps promote Cedar Hill ISD's world class goals. This event instills a culture of service learning and character as well as a first hand experience in the arts in a foreign country. The Cedar Hill ISD parents and students will participate in a once-in-a-lifetime trip that will be used to inspire continued educational experiences.

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