

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 5/16/16



Recognition: ☐ Students ☐ Staff ☐ Parents
Information: ☐ Building Report ☐ Old Business ☐ Superintendent's Report
Action: ☐ Resignation ☐ Hiring ☐ Contract Service Agreements
 ☒ Travel Out-of-State ☐ Travel In State ☐ Approvals
 ☐ Termination ☐ Legal Matters ☐ Other:
 This action request pertains to ☐ Elementary (only) ☒ High School/District Wide

Date: 12/1/16

To: **John Rouse**
 Superintendent

From: John Salois
 Title: BHS Principal

Subject: **BHS Human Rights Club, Washington DC, Sidwell Friends School Trip**

Description: Amy Andreas and the BHS Human Rights Club request approval to travel to Sidwell Friends School, a private school in Washington, DC. Students from Browning High School and Sidwell Friends School will get to know each other through their respective educational environments. The purpose of this cultural exchange is to establish meaningful relationships based on cross-cultural communication. *School Related Leave Only.*

Estimated Financial Impact: **\$7,992.00**

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): Human Rights Club/JOM/Alt Ed./Library Budget

Attachment(s): BHS Human Rights Club description of trip/Travel Budget

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: ☐ N/A (Info) ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled to: _____

BHS Human Rights Club Sidwell Trip

Club Sponsors: Amy Andreas, Gustavo Garces

Trip Proposal Location: Washington, DC; Sidwell Friends School

Description of the trip and the collaboration between BHS and Sidwell:

In the spring of 2016 the BHS librarian, Amy Andreas, was introduced to [Mr. Philip McAdoo](#), Director of Equity, Justice, and Community at the [Sidwell Friends School](#) in Washington, DC. Sidwell is a small, private school with a long list of well known notable Alumni (Malia Obama, Chelsea Clinton, Amy Carter, Albert Gore). President Obama's youngest daughter currently attends the school. Needless to say, it is an excellent, diverse school with a solid international reputation.

Mr. McAdoo and Mrs. Andreas discussed developing a cultural exchange program for the students of both schools. In preparation for this learning experience, Mrs. Andreas started up Human Rights Club at BHS. The students that have joined this club meet every other Monday to explore issues of human rights, here in our community, the nation, and the world at large. The BHS students have been learning about the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Mr. McAdoo has established a group of students and teachers from similar clubs at Sidwell. Students at BHS will begin meeting virtually with his club within the next few weeks. Our students will be selecting topics of local, national, and international human rights violations to read about, study, and problem-solve together.

Students from Browning High School and Sidwell Friends School will get to know each other through their respective educational environments. The learning will take place through regular engagement that will involve a wide variety of educational, cultural, and social exchanges. The focus will be on establishing meaningful relationships based on cross-cultural communication. Together, we are building a program that connects both communities to deeper levels of engagement with issues of social justice and equity. We look forward to combining the talents and collective experiences of these young people in this unique and exciting learning endeavor.

As part of this cultural exchange, Mr. McAdoo and the Sidwell Friends School have invited selected members of the BHS Human Rights Club to visit their school during the week of March 12th, 2017. Our students will have host families and will participate in activities at Sidwell while also having a chance to visit some of the significant landmarks and cultural centers in the Washington DC area. We are hoping to then host a group of students from Sidwell in the fall of 2017. Mr. McAdoo and the BHS Human Rights Club sponsors are planning to make this a long-term, cultural exchange opportunity for the students of our schools. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring students (grades 9-12) from very diverse backgrounds together in order to examine and problem solve some of the most significant problems in today's society.

Sidwell Trip Budget Proposal: 8 students, 1 adult

These are the students that are going:

Dylan RunningCrane
Charro Trombley
DaleAnn Cobell
Chelsee Pree
Mariah Omeasoo
Laurn Johnson
Brendon Galbreath
Harley RunningWolf

Totals

Transportation:

Airfare: Round Trip Tickets for 8 students	\$4,800
Airfare: Round Trip Tickets for 1 Adult	\$600.00
Buses, Taxi, Metro (6 days at \$5 per person, per day-8 students)	\$240.00

Lodging:

Hotel: 1 Adults, 1 Room, 6 nights at \$200.00 per night (hopefully less)	\$1,200
Students will have host families from Sidwell!	

Food: (@ \$12.00 per meal)

Students: Travel Days (2) Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	\$576.00
Students/Staff will eat Breakfast and Lunch at Sidwell each day	Free
Dinners throughout the week (students only)	\$576.00

Museums/Attractions:

Free

TOTAL:	\$7992.00
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Money Students Have Raised	\$3000.00
JOM Contribution towards student airfare	\$1500.00
Library Budget Travel Money	\$1,082.00
Alternative Ed. contribution	\$600.00

TOTAL:	\$6182.00
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Still Needed	\$1810.00
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Through concessions and coffee shop students should easily be able to fundraise to cover the rest before the end of the year.