



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 19-Apr-16 Superintendent: David Holmes

Administrator/Staff: Jim Kriz

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I am requesting permission for myself and 6 members of my Destination Imagination Team to travel to Knoxville, Tennessee, to participate in the DI Global Finals Competition from May 24-29. I have 3 fourth graders and 3 fifth graders on the Team. Most of them are identified TAG students. Along with myself as Team Manager, at least 5 other adults (parents) will be traveling with the Team. I also request the District to provide \$300 per student to help fund this trip. The remainder of the funds will come from fundraising. Substitute costs for myself will be covered by District TAG funds.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Fort Vannoy has had a long history with Destination Imagination, a group-based problem solving endeavor. This particular Team has progressed through Regional and State Tournaments to earn the honor of participating at Global Finals, where teams from 48 states and several foreign countries join in a celebration of creative problem solving. The Fort Vannoy Team has been working for several months beyond the regular school day, learning to use improvisational skills and teamwork to solve complex problems.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Global Finals has a competitive aspect, in that participating teams present their solutions to 6 complex Challenges, hoping to be judged the most innovative. Our students will have the rare opportunity to not only present their solution, but to also learn from teams from around the globe. Global Finals is also a true celebration of creativity, with numerous activities designed to engage our students' minds.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Time is short, and we have lots of money to raise. The Team Members, their Manager and their parents are determined to succeed, however. In addition, the students and their teacher/Manager will miss 4 days of school. These are all very able students, though, and the experience in Knoxville will more than make up for the missed days.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

There are no other alternatives of which I know. In order to travel out of state, we must have your approval. Thank you for your consideration.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☒ No ☐