

# Action Sheet

**MEETING DATE:** October 18, 2006

**AGENDA ITEM:** **Discuss and consider approving stipends for teachers serving as lead coordinator and assistant lead coordinator on the Galveston Reach for Acceptance Community Outdoor Recreation (GRACORP) Program**

In May 2005, Galveston ISD was awarded grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to implement a community outdoor outreach program. GISD received funding in the amount of \$30,000 to introduce all populations of children (special education and regular education students) and their families to a variety of outdoor recreational activities including hiking, bird watching, fishing and camping.

This one-year grant program (May 2005-August 2006) has been extended to June 2007 in order to utilize all available grant funds. Since the teacher who initiated this project is no longer with GISD, administration is asking the Board to approve a one-year stipend for the teachers who will be serving as the lead coordinator and the assistant lead coordinator for this program for the 2006/07 school year.

The following funds have been allotted in the grant to pay stipends for 06/07:

- \$3,000 for the lead coordinator **Lori Sweat**
- \$1,500 for the assistant to the lead coordinator **(Andrew Lockhart)**

These teachers will have the following responsibilities:

- Plan and implement all grant program activities (after school and weekend student field trips) for the 06/07 school year;
- Ensure all appropriate paperwork (permission slips & consent forms) have been secured prior to each trip for each student;
- Execute background checks on all parent/guardian or volunteers who will serve as chaperones on the trips;
- Assist in monitoring the grant budget;
- Maintaining a calendar of events (required by grant);
- Completing progress reports to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department;
- Keeping an inventory of all equipment and materials purchased with grant funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the 06-07 grant stipends for the teachers serving as lead coordinator and assistant lead coordinator on the Galveston Reach for Acceptance Community Outdoor Recreation (GRACORP) Program.

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Lynne Cleveland, Superintendent