

Approval for Travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, Out-of-State

GHS Choir

October 27, 2015

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a request by the Guyer High School Choir for travel to perform and tour in Boston Massachusetts, Quebec City and Montreal, Canada, March 9-15, 2016.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous action has been taken or requested.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Travel approval is requested for 18 students and 7 sponsors/chaperones.
- Students will travel by scheduled air and charter bus carriers.
- Students will be provided an opportunity to perform in a rich historical and cultural setting.
- Expenses are to be paid by students and the choir organization; no DISD funds will be used.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Students will miss three days of classes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The campus will pay for a substitute for three days of classes.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow ample time for fundraising activities and completing reservations.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Board policy requires board approval of such travel two months in advance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend approval of the GHS Choir request for permission to travel out-of-state to perform and tour in Boston, Massachusetts, Quebec City and Montreal, Canada, March 9-15, 2016.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts
- Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

- Request for Travel, Non-State-Sanctioned Activities
- Itinerary

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: David McCullar

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Denton Independent School District Request for Out of State Student Travel

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus John Guyer HS Date of Request October 8, 2015
 School Organization Choir Activity Sponsor Evans

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)** Boston, MA; Quebec City and Montreal, Quebec, Canada
 Description of Activities or Events Students will fly into Boston and visit Harvard University and Harvard Square before driving up to Quebec City.
Once in Quebec City, we will tour historical sites of the old walled city. Students will have a performance in St. Anne's Basilica and Notre Dame Basilica. Upon our return to Boston, students will tour the Old North Church of Paul Revere and Quincy Market.
 Dates of Travel March 9-15 Mode of Travel Plane and Charter Bus
 Number of Student Participants 18 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 7
 Educational Purposes and Value Students will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to perform in two historical Canadian Cathedrals.
Students will also tour historical sites in the cities of Boston, Quebec City, and Montreal. The opportunity to travel internationally also has it's inherent educational value.
Students will gain experience passing through the border and customs, will be exposed to a different culture, way of living, and language.

** Attach copy of proposed itinerary

III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	27600
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	7333.09
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____
Total Cost of Activity	34,933.09
Estimated Cost/Student	1200

***Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)
Patron Program Ad Sales for Choir Concert Program, Poinsettia Sales, Yankee Candle Co. Sales, Sonic Car Hop

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal	<u>Shaun P. Perry</u> <small>NAME</small>	<u>Shaun P. Perry</u> <small>SIGNATURE</small>	<u>10/7/2015</u> <small>DATE OF APPROVAL</small>
School Operations	<u>David McCuller</u> <small>NAME</small>	<u>David McCuller</u> <small>SIGNATURE</small>	<u>10-19-15</u> <small>DATE OF APPROVAL</small>
Superintendent	_____ <small>NAME</small>	_____ <small>SIGNATURE</small>	_____ <small>DATE OF APPROVAL</small>
Board President	_____ <small>NAME</small>	_____ <small>SIGNATURE</small>	_____ <small>DATE OF APPROVAL</small>

*Reference Policy FMG (L)

Guyer High School Choir

Preliminary Itinerary

Boston, Montreal and Quebec City

3/9/2016	30 Seats	American	Flt # 2250	DFW	6:59 AM	BOS	11:42 AM
3/15/2016	30 Seats	American	Flt # 1054	BOS	5:41 PM	DFW	8:57 PM

Hotel: Red Jacket Resort, 1380 White Mountain Highway, N. Conway, NH

Hotel: Hotel Plaza Quebec

Hotel: Ruby Foo's

Hotel: Fairfield Inn by Marriott Revere, MA

Tour Conductor: TBD

Wednesday, March 09, 2016

6:59 AM	Flight 1 Departs for Boston, MA
11:42 AM	Flight 1 Arrives in Boston, MA to meet your USIT Conductor
12:15 PM	Group departs for Lunch in Harvard Square
2:30 PM	Group departs for N. Conway NH
5:30 PM	Arrive at Hotel for check-in
6:30 PM	Enjoy a Pizza Party and swimming in the Kahuna Laguna indoor waterpark

Thursday, March 10, 2016

7:30 AM	Full breakfast buffet at the hotel
9:00 AM	This morning we depart for Quebec City passing through the border via Derby Line Vt Our travels will take us North through the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the Green Mountains of Vermont.
3:00 PM	Arrive and check into our hotel (Free time in Old Quebec city if time permits)
7:00 PM	Dinner and entertainment at the Chemin du Roy (incl) Enjoy a traditional Canadian and American dinner buffet and entertainment
9:30 PM	Return to the Hotel

Friday, March 11, 2016

7:30 AM	Full Breakfast Buffet at the hotel
9:00 AM	Meet your guide and depart on a tour of Quebec City your tour will include the Plains of Abraham, Cape Diamond, Joan of Arc Garden, Grand Allee Parliament, Place d'Armes, Chateau Frontenac, the Artist's Alley, Place Royale, Petit Champlain Street
10:00 AM	Stop for a group photo at Dufferin Terrace @Chateau Frontenac
12:00 PM	Lunch on own and free time to explore the Old walled City of Quebec
4:30 PM	Return to the hotel and dress for tonight's snow park adventure
6:00 PM	Dinner at Valcartier (incl) Access to 42 slides, the Tornado and snow rafting
9:00 PM	Return to your hotel

Saturday, March 12, 2016

9:00 AM	Full day St. Anne de Beaupre tour to include drive along the Old King's Highway a stop at Montmorency Falls, the copper Museum and workshop and the Famous Ste-Anne de Beaupre Shrine
12:00 PM	Lunch on your own outside Ste-Anne Basilica
1:30 PM	Visit St. Anne Basilica for a tour and a performance
2:30 PM	Performance by the Guyer High School Choir at Ste Anne Basilica
4:00 PM	Depart for the Ice Hotel
5:00 PM	Split up into small groups for a guided tour of the Ice Hotel
6:00 PM	Dinner location to be determined
7:30 PM	Board the ferry to cross the St. Lawrence river
9:00 PM	Return to the hotel

Sunday, March 13, 2016	
7:30 AM	Full breakfast buffet at hotel
9:00 AM	Load luggage and depart for Montreal
12:00 AM	Lunch on your own in Montreal
2:00 PM	Visit Notre Dame Basilica
2:45 PM	Performance by the Guyer High School Choir at Notre Dame Basilica
4:00 PM	Check into the hotel
7:00 PM	Dinner at St. Paul's Pub in Old Montreal
9:00 PM	Return to the hotel
Monday, March 14, 2016	
7:00 AM	Hotel Check out and a full American breakfast
8:00 AM	depart for the U.S. Border
11:00 AM	Pass through Border and U.S. Customs
12:30 PM	Lunch on your own enroute
4:00 PM	Arrive and check into hotel
6:00 PM	Dinner at Fire and Ice restaurant, Boston, MA
7:30 PM	Depart for the Fairfield Inn by Marriott and check in
8:15 PM	Arrive and check into hotel
Tuesday, March 15, 2016	
7:00 AM	Full breakfast buffet at hotel
8:30 AM	Load luggage and check out of Hotel
9:00 AM	depart for the Old North Church
9:45 AM	arrive at the Old North Church for a guided tour
11:30 AM	Meet the coach and transfer to Quincy Market for lunch on your own time to explore Faneuil Hall, the Freedom Trail and the site of the Boston Massacre
2:00 PM	meet the coach and transfer to Boston Logan Airport
2:30 PM	Arrive and check in for your flight Flight TBA Departs Boston 4:41 PM
5:41 PM	Flight #1054 departs Boston for DFW
8:57 PM	Arrive DFW and collect your luggage

Note: Your coach driver is probably the most important person that you will encounter on your tour in regard to assuring that your trip is a success. It is customary that the driver be tipped if his services are what you expect. These tips have been included in your price.