

Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

Date of Board Meeting: November 20, 2018

Date of This Proposal: October 29, 2018

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda): 2019 Kids' College Facilities Rental Agreement with FBISD

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Kids' College Facility Rental Agreement

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The WCJC Continuing Education Department has offered Kids' College in Sugar Land for 16 years, offers approximately 120 different programs each session, runs three two-week sessions per summer, and yields about \$155,000 profit annually. WCJC has an established relationship with Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD) for facility rental for Kids' College activities. CE staff seeks approval to rent FBISD's Sartartia Middle School to house Kids' College for summer 2019. This rental agreement includes the cost of space, utilities, and custodial services. The rental fee in 2018 was \$83,741. FBISD increased the rental cost about \$13,000 to offset the increased cost of utilities (specifically a/c). Kids' College charges tuition for the program which covers the cost of all expenses and still generates a profit.

On average, Kids' College captures 2,000 enrollments per summer in a variety of short courses designed to meet the needs and interests of students in kindergarten through tenth grade. The location and makeup of the FBISD facilities are paramount to the program's success. The school facilities provide accessible student drop-off/pick-up, space for lunchtime, and multiple classrooms designed to meet spatial needs for various activities. The rented space at Sartartia includes two gyms, multiple kitchens/cooking areas, computer labs, art studios, woodworking shop, theater stage, science labs, and general classrooms. Many students return each year to participate in the program which reinforces the need for continuity in facilities. And, numerous FBISD instructors teach for Kids' College thus support the working relationship between FBISD and WCJC.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$96,804 budgeted in FY19; tuition offsets the cost

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]: Alice Atkins, Director of Continuing Education

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