



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 21-Apr-15

Agenda # _____

Staff/Administrator: Renee Hults

Superintendent: David Holmes

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 Lori Chamberlain (teacher) and 6 members of Manzanita Destination Imagination Team to travel to Tennessee to participate in the DI Global Finals Competition from May 18-24, 2015. We have two 3rd graders and four 4th graders on the team. Along with Lori Chamberlain as Team Advisor, at least 2 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 money for this trip will come from fundraising.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Manzanita has had a long history with Destination Imagination, a group-based problem solving endeavor. The DI Team at Manzanita 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 Manzanita 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 5 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 thousands of dollars to raise. There is a possibility that the funds won't be raised. The team members, their parents, and the Manzanita Advisor (Lori Chamberlain) are determined to succeed. In addition, the students and their advisor will miss 5 days of school. These are all very able students, though, and the experience in Tennessee 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