

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting "Item for Consideration"

Consent Agenda • Date: December 9, 2024

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Model UN to IU

Category:

Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment
 Finance, Budgeting, Accounting Student Services Board Policy
 Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition Community Relations Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action
Discussion
Report

Facts of this Matter:

1. Travel Destination: Indiana University, Bloomington. February 28th-March 2nd, 2025. We plan to leave at the beginning of 4th period at 11:24 am on the 28th of February and would be home by 5 pm on the 2nd of March.
2. Who is attending: We will take 28 students and two chaperones to this event. The students involved would be 9th to 12th grade students from the High School who are members of the Model United Nations Club.
3. Synopsis: The Model United Nations club would like to attend the Indiana University Model UN conference in Feb/March. The event has students participate in a high-level debate with students from around the area on current world issues. This competition highlights several important skills such as public speaking, research, and conflict resolution.
4. Administrator who reviewed: Matt Walter

Transportation	We request to use a school bus for the travel down to the event and the return trip home. The bus will drop students off and return to pick them up. All facilities and destinations are walking distance from the hotel.
Parent Permission Obtained	Parents will fill out the overnight permission slip form for their student and then return it to Mrs. Boutilier for their student to participate in the event. Steps: - Students interested in going to the conference will pick

	<p>up a permission slip from Mrs. Boutilier in the month of November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The students will go home and have their parent complete the overnight permission form and review the itinerary for the conference. - Students will then return the information to Mrs. Boutilier so she can register the students for the conference
Cost to Students/Families	For this conference, the students will be paying all expenses themselves. The estimated cost of delegate, school fees and hotel will be around 250 dollars per student. We are still waiting on information from the IU Model UN about rooming costs.
About Supervision	Mr. Magoni and Mrs. Boutilier are going to the conference. We keep the ratio of 15 students to 1 chaperone. We also have had parents interested in attending our conferences and would reach out for a parent volunteer. At that point, we would do a background check through school services.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	There is none for this event.
Any Additional Information	None

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

As a teaching method, the model UN has been proven-effective. Students role-play various countries in the world. They learn about the history, politics, and foreign policies of several countries and begin to understand the importance of the United Nations in the world today. Students become familiar with several international problems or issues and experience the give and take of diplomacy as they attempt to pass resolutions in their councils. The model provides an opportunity for them to improve their public speaking and debate skills and to learn some parliamentary procedure. They will begin to learn the skills of how to work constructively in a group when members of the group disagree on how to achieve a particular goal. The experience is a win-win situation for students

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

The conference as a whole is a great learning experience. The only negatives are that the students will miss a half of a day at school and the cost of the trip may prohibit some students from participating in this specific event.

Financial Implications, if any:

Students would be responsible for delegate fees and hotel costs. ZCS will incur the cost of a half-day guest teacher for Mr. Magoni and Mrs. Boutilier.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.