



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 15-Apr-13

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Jim Kriz

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

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 myself and 6 members of my Destination Imagination Team to travel to Knoxville, Tennessee, to participate in the DI Global Finals Competition from May 21-26. I have 2 third graders, 3 fourth graders and a 5th grader on the Team. They are all students identified as TAG. Along with myself as Team Manager, at least 3 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 funds will come from fundraising. Substitute costs for Mr. Kriz will be covered by district TAG funds.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal.**

Fort Vannoy has had a long history with Destination Imagination, a group-based problem solving endeavor. After a 6-year hiatus, DI is back at Fort Vannoy, and this Team 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 Fort Vannoy Team has been working for several weeks 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 Manager and their parents are determined to succeed, however. In addition, the students and their teacher/Manager will miss 4 days of school. These are all very able students, though, and the experience in Knoxville 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 ☐