

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 4/10/18



Recognition: Students Staff Parents
Information: Building Report Old Business Superintendent's Report
Action: Resignation Hiring Contract Service Agreements
 Travel Out-of-State Travel In State Approvals
 Termination Legal Matters Other:
 This action request pertains to Elementary (only) High School/District Wide

Date: 4/3/18

To: **Corrina Guardipee-Hall**
 Superintendent

From: Jeri Matt
 Title: Curriculum Director

Subject: **BHS Human Rights Club, Washington DC, Sidwell Friends School Trip**

Description: Request that Robert Hall, BHS Human Rights Club Sponsor, travel with the group to Sidwell Friends School, a private school in Washington, DC. The purpose of this cultural exchange is to establish meaningful relationships based on cross-cultural communication. *School Related Leave Only.*

Estimated Financial Impact: *School Related Leave Only*

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): na

Attachment(s): Travel request/Email

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____

Club Sponsors: Amy Andreas, Robert Hall

Trip Proposal Location: Washington, DC; Sidwell Friends School

Description of the trip and the collaboration between BHS and Sidwell:

In the spring of 2016 the BHS librarian, Amy Andreas, was introduced to [Mr. Philip McAdoo](#), Director of Equity, Justice, and Community at the [Sidwell Friends School](#) in Washington, DC. Sidwell is a small, private school with a long list of well known notable Alumni (Malia Obama, Chelsea Clinton, Amy Carter, Albert Gore). Former President Barak Obama’s youngest daughter currently attends the school. Needless to say, it is an excellent, diverse school with a solid international reputation.

Mr. McAdoo and Mrs. Andreas discussed developing a cultural exchange program for the students of both schools. In preparation for this learning experience, Mrs. Andreas started up Human Rights Club at BHS. The students that have joined this club meet to explore issues of human rights, here in our community, the nation, and the world at large. The BHS students have been learning about the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Mr. McAdoo has established a group of students and teachers from similar clubs at Sidwell. Students at BHS will begin meeting virtually with his club to study topics of local, national, and international human rights-learn about, study, and problem-solve together.

Students from Browning High School and Sidwell Friends School will get to know each other through their respective educational environments. The learning will take place through regular engagement that will involve a wide variety of educational, cultural, and social exchanges. The focus will be on establishing meaningful relationships based on cross-cultural communication. Together, we are building a program that connects both communities to deeper levels of engagement with issues of social justice and equity. We look forward to combining the talents and collective experiences of these young people in this unique and exciting learning endeavor.

As part of this cultural exchange, Mr. McAdoo and the Sidwell Friends School have invited selected members of the BHS Human Rights Club to visit their school during the week of second week of April, 2018. Our students will have host families and will participate in activities at Sidwell while also having a chance to visit some of the significant landmarks and cultural centers in the Washington DC area. It’s a wonderful opportunity to bring students (grades 9-12) from very diverse backgrounds together in order to examine and problem solve some of the most significant problems in today’s society.

