



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 18th 2018 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Alicia Timbs/ Jim Kriz

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

We are requesting permission for Jim Kriz and 6 members of the Fort Vannoy Destination IMagination Team to travel to Knoxville, TN, to participate in DI Global Finals Competition from May 22-27. There are three 4th graders and three 5th graders on the team. Along with Mr Kriz, the team manager, three parent chaperones will also be traveling on the trip. We are also requesting the District to provide \$300 per student to help fund this trip. The remainder of the funds will come from fund raising. Subsitute costs for Jim Kriz will come from District TAG funds.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Fort Vannoy has a long history with Destination Imagination, a group based problem solving endeavor. This particular team has progressed throught Regional and State Tournaments to earn the honor or 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 months beyond the regular school day, learning to use improvisational skills and teamwork to solve complex problems. Fort Vannoy's DI team also had the honor of qualifying for Global Finals in 2013 and 2016.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Global Finals has a competitive aspect in that participating teams present their solutions to 6 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 around the globe. Global Finals is a true celebration of creativity, with numerous activities designed to engage our students' minds.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Time is short, and there is much money to be raised. The team members, team manager and their parents are determined to succeed, however. In addition the students and Mr Kriz will miss 4 days of school. These are all very able and resonsible students, though, and the experience in Knoxville will more than make up for those missed days.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

There are no alternatives. Thank you for your consideration.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve:

Yes

No