

**Manitowoc Public School District  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin**

**Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 24, 2015 11:30 AM

The Manitowoc Public School District Curriculum Committee met on February 24, 2015 11:35 AM.

Committee members Keith Shaw, Linda Gratz, Barbara Herrmann, and Dave Nickels (late) were present. Also present were Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Deborah Shimanek, Superintendent Marcia Flaherty, Board Member Catherine Shallue and Human Resources Director Andrea Holschbach.

There were three Applications for Student Travel on the agenda:

The first application was Wilson Junior 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC and Gettysburg for June 12-June 15, 2016. The trip would be open to Washington Junior High students that wish to attend also. On a motion by Barbara Herrmann and seconded by Linda Gratz, approved 3-0.

The second application was for National Japan Bowl for 2 students and Chaperone Terry O'Dell to travel to Chevy Chase, Maryland to attend National Japan Bowl from April 9-10, 2015. All expenses are paid by the Japan American Society of Washington DC through a grant with the Mazda Foundation. On a motion by Linda Gratz and seconded by Barbara Herrmann, approved 3-0. Barb Herrmann also noted how newsworthy this event would be focusing on our students' knowledge and global awareness.

The third application was Manitowoc Lincoln High Music Department (Micah Hoffman, David Bowman, and Monica Hrudik). The trip is to London, England in June 2017. The estimated cost would be \$1995.00 per person. Mrs. Shimanek shared concern over the cost of the trip and accessibility for all students. She requested a list of students that are also eligible/attending the Live Trips that were approved for travel 2016. Keith Shaw noted the difference in these trips is that the Live Trips are credit trips and have a strong reciprocal agreement with the participating groups. He also added the Live Trips are purposeful for immersing students a language have been studying. The Music Trip is performing in London as a cultural experience. Linda Gratz noted that the international experience is huge and performing in London would be a once in a lifetime experience for many of the students. She thanked the teachers in the Music Department for giving of their time and the huge responsibility this experience would be. It was noted there would be no financial obligation of the district other than a stipend for teacher's traveling.

Barbara Hermann stated concern about the district's responsibility to provide for student's that had a financial need. It was stated that some scholarship help could be available.

Marcia Flaherty noted this was an important decision and made the recommendation that Music Parents be surveyed of the viability of interest in attending the trip with the given costs. The crossover

with the Live Trips for Foreign Language had previously been requested. No action was taken on the Application until the requested items were presented to the Board for consideration.

Keith Shaw requested an update about Lighthouse Learning Academy. Deborah Shimanek shared that we had contracted with Pearson to market the Academy as a blended learning opportunity to students that were MPSD families either attending another district through Open Enrollment or Home Schooling for 2015-16.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM with a motion by Linda Gratz and second by Barbara Herrmann.

Deborah Shimanek

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education