



MEETING OF: March 19, 2013

TITLE: Approval of an Extracurricular Fee for Mary Belle McCorkle Academy of Excellence Pre K-8's Mariachi Program

ITEM #: 6

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Mary Belle McCorkle Academy of Excellence Pre K-8 is seeking Board approval to charge a \$10.00 participation fee for an after-school Mariachi Program. The purpose of the after-school Mariachi Program is to offer students a cultural extension to the current McCorkle music program. Students will learn different instruments, practice after school and perform for audiences.

Results from an interest survey showed 100 out of 850 students are interested in participating in the after-school program.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Mariachi program will be offered to students from Kindergarten through seventh grade and include eighth grade in 2013-2014. The classes will be offered two times per week for one and a half hours. The fee is \$10.00 per week. Pueblo High School Aztlán students and alumni from Pima College and the U of A will be co-teaching the students.

Each student will learn one of the mariachi instruments. The instruments are violin, trumpet, vihuela, guitar and guitarrón. At first, the students will be organized by instrument. Students with the same instruments will be assigned to a teacher. Later, when they have learned their parts, they will join with other instruments and practice together. Eventually, they will practice as a Mariachi group and perform for an audience.

This program will provide students with a cultural aspect of music, as it applies to these instruments, in an authentic environment. Mariachi music is a genre of music that introduces all participants to an important piece of Tucson's history.

The next step to this program is a "Math Through Mariachi" summer school which will combine teaching of mathematics and music theory. Specifically, students will be taught music theory, math through music and math alone. Students will be pre and post tested on the mathematics as it relates to the performance objectives and Common Core standards at each grade level.

Elizabeth Redondo, Principal of McCorkle, will attend the Board meeting to answer questions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS:

Achievement

Continue the achievement goals in reading and writing and increase student achievement in mathematics by improving the district passing rate at all levels on AIMS by 10%.

Enrollment

Align with the goal of Unitary Status as it applies to student enrollment by offering the program to enrich students of other cultures as they participate in a local historical, cultural experience.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

_____ District Budget
_____ State/Federal Funds
_____ Other _____
Budget Cost Budget Code

Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Date _____
I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are available and may be:
Authorized from current year budget
Authorized with School Board approval
Code: Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary/K-8 Leadership 2/26/13

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