

GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Items

Date Submitted:
7.12.16

Proposed Effective Date:
April, 2017

Grade(s) impacted:
9-12

Name: Anne Sophie Meeks	Position/Item: Trip to Quebec	Submitted By: Dr. Danielle F. Sneathen	Building: GHS
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Proposed cost/amount: 0	Funded through: Students and fundraisers	Hours/Days per wk:	Benefits: Y or N (circle one)
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Is candidate currently employed by District:
____ No ____ **X** Yes

Is candidate a former employee:
____ No ____ Yes

(if yes, what position)

If yes, part time or **full time** (circle one)

Check references/review district personnel file?

____ No ____ Yes

Board Action Requested: I am requesting that the Board approve a trip to Quebec, Canada, in lieu of the traditional trip to France for our French students for the 2016-17 school year.

Details and ramifications:

The trip will occur over Spring Break and students will miss little to no school.

Positives: Students will get a chance to use their language and speaking skills and will not have to travel overseas, thus saving families money while still providing a travel experience.

Concerns:

Please see the attached informational item previously submitted for more detailed information about the proposed trip.

Other Comments:

Students will fundraise through the French Club to help their families offset the cost of the trip.

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Board Date: _____

Approved: Y or N

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MacMichael, Mary

From: Sneathen, Danielle
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 3:45 PM
To: Silverstein, Mark
Cc: MacMichael, Mary
Subject: Proposed French Trip to Quebec
Attachments: BONJOUR QUEBEC DETAILED ITINERARY.pdf

5.23.16

Informational item for the Board of Education

The French teacher, Anne Sophie Meeks would like to propose a new trip to French speaking Québec, Canada during GHS *spring break in 2017*. This trip would be in lieu of the trip to Paris, France, that has traditionally been taken biannually. The six day trip would run approximately **Tuesday, April 18, 2017 through April 23, 2017**. Traveling dates may be adjusted by approximately 3 days by the tour company which could result in students missing 2-3 days of school. The exact traveling dates are of course determined by the tour company much closer to the departure date. Every attempt will be made to have the trip occur during the students spring break so they do not miss any of their classes.

The trip to Québec, Canada is called **BONJOUR QUEBEC** through EF Tours. A trip to the French-speaking province of Quebec will allow students a new, exciting, and less costly option, as they have previously travelled to Paris, France. Students begin their trip by flying into Montréal for a few days. They will see Old Montréal, visit the old Port, Jacques Cartier Square, Underground City, Chinatown, Mount Royal Park, St. Joseph's Oratory, Place Ville Marie, Notre Dame Basilica, Archaeology Museum, attend an Old Montréal dinner & performance, etc. Then, students will travel to Québec City and visit the amazing Biodome, Olympic Park Tower, see Rue du Petit-Champlain, National Assembly, Place Royale, and more. They will participate in the Plains of Abraham Workshop, visit Cap Diamant, Citadelle, Chateau Frontenac, Musée du Fort, etc. They will even eat in a traditional sugar shack. They also will see the Beaupré Coast, the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de Beaupré, & visit the Montmorency Falls which stand taller than Niagra Falls. The students will see and experience a great deal and will be able to use their French in a beautiful French-speaking place without crossing the Atlantic.

The tour would include: round-trip airfare, 5 overnights in hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, a full-time tour director, guided tours, walking tours, activities, overnight security, and gratuities. The trip with 6 students minimally. For every additional 6 students that attend, another chaperone will be added. Typically 15-25 students attend. The trip will cost students **approximately \$2200**. Seeing as a trip to France with EF in 2017 costs over \$3000, the students' families will be happy to have this French Canadian cultural experience at a lower cost. Students will do school-wide individual fundraisers to help with costs of their trip. In addition, students interested will participate in a few smaller group fundraisers to raise money towards their trip.

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Explore
America

BONJOUR QUÉBEC

6 days | Montréal | Québec City



Day 1: Montréal

- Arrive in Montréal
- Walking tour of Old Montréal:
Old Port, Jacques Cartier Square,
Underground City, Chinatown
- Evening activity

Day 2: Montréal

- Guided sightseeing tour of Montréal:
Mount Royal Park, St. Joseph's
Oratory, Place Ville Marie,
Notre Dame Basilica
- ⊕ Montréal bike tour
- Archaeology Museum
- Old Montreal dinner and performance

Day 3: Montréal • Québec City

- Biodome
- Olympic Park Tower
- Travel to Québec City
- Guided sightseeing tour of Québec City:
Old Town, Rue du Petit-Champlain,
National Assembly, Place-Royale,
Upper town

THE BIODOME

The Biodome is a real highlight for the kids. It's part zoo, part aquarium, and it's also a research facility. You walk through four different ecosystems, four different seasons. This of course is great here in Montréal, because even when it's winter here you can walk through the Biodome and feel like it's summer, and if it's summer you can walk through and feel like you're in winter. All the kids have their own interests. Some really get into the penguins on the winter side, some really want to see the summer part of it. It's really neat, you get to experience all four seasons in an hour.

Alan A. Tour Director



⊕ **Customize this tour** by adding optional activities.

Day 4: Québec City

- Plains of Abraham Workshop
- Walking tour of Québec City: Cap Diamant, Citadelle, Terrasse Dufferin, Promenade des Gouverneurs
- Photo stop at Chateau Frontenac
- Musée du Fort
- Observatoire de La Capitale
- Dinner at a traditional sugar shack

Day 5: Québec City • Beaupré Coast

- Beaupré Coast
- Montmorency Falls
- Economuseum
- Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
- Evening activity

- Depart for home

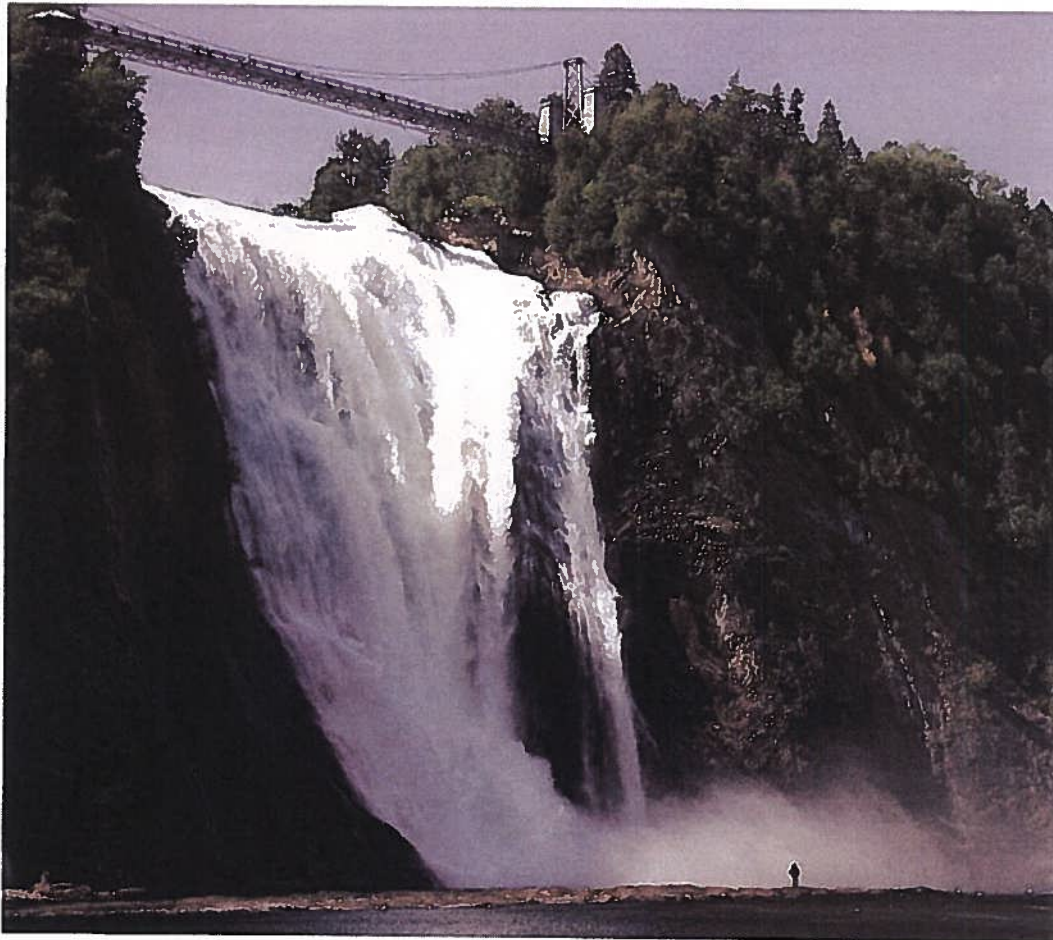
Itinerary subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.

Day 6: Montréal • Return home

- Travel to Montreal

MONTMORENCY FALLS

Just twenty minutes outside of Québec City, Montmorency Falls is approximately 275 feet of spectacularly cascading waterfall. The highlight of Montmorency is the wooden suspension footbridge that crosses right over the rushing water at the top. Those who like getting as close to the action as possible love the chance to hike up to the top and actually walk right out over the falls. (Those with a fear of heights are just as happy enjoying the view from below.)

**Everything you get**

- Round-trip and on-tour transportation
- Full-time licensed Tour Director
- 5 nights hotel accommodations
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours

- Visits to special attractions
- Overnight security at your hotel
- Illness and Accident Coverage
- Travel ID Badges and backpacks
- Gratuities

Options

- Downtown hotel (private groups only)
- Lunches
- Earned credit for Group Leaders and students