



Nogales High School

Memorandum

TO: Teresa Healy, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

FROM: Yousef Nasouf, Principal

DATE: February 11, 2016

**RE: Nogales High School Varsity Cheer Team
JAMZ School Cheer National Championship
February 28-29, 2016**

Nogales High School and the Nogales Varsity Cheer team are requesting approval to participate in the JAMZ School Cheer National Championship in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 28-29, 2016.

This event provides the students with the opportunity to network and compete with other high school cheer teams from throughout the United States while also being judged by national judges. Students will have the opportunity to develop personally as cheerleaders and role models for their peers. Students will learn the value of hard work, dedication, and perseverance through adversity as they compete to reclaim their national titles. The cheer team currently holds 6 national titles; two of these titles are from the previous year alone.

The estimated cost for this event is \$250.00 per student. Each student will receive individual sponsorships to raise the necessary funds for this event.

Seven (7) students will be attending this competition. Each student will be rooming with their own parents at the Orleans Hotel located at 4500 West Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas Nevada, 89103. Although the students will be rooming with their parents, two coaches will be accompanying the students during the rehearsals, team events and competition.

Checklist for Proposed Field Trip

Field trips which include overnight accommodations, extensive travel and/or extensive per-pupil costs require conceptual approval by the Principal, Deputy Superintendent, Superintendent and Board of Education. This approval must be given prior to fund-raising and specific recruitment of student proceeds. To help prepare for this conceptual approval, the requesting schools should complete the following form:

A. What is the destination of the proposed trip?

The destination of this proposed trip is The Orleans Hotel and Arena, 4500 West Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas Nevada, 89103.

B. How does this trip enhance the curricular or co/curricular program for students:

Students will have the opportunity to interact with cheerleaders throughout the United States, and students will be able to compete with other teams for a national title.

C. What other alternatives have been considered to provide these student experiences?

JAMZ is the only organization that offers a national championship, which is affordable, provides awards to nationally ranked teams, and occurs once every year. Though there are no competitions extremely similar to JAMZ Nationals, students have been able to participate in small competitions hosted at local high schools.

D. Will students be absent from school?

Yes, students will be absent on the date of the competition Monday, February 29, 2016.

E. What provisions will be made to assure qualified students equal access to participate in the field trip?

All students who have maintained the minimum 2.0 GPA and meet all academic requirements are eligible to participate. Each student has been qualified by the JAMZ company to participate in this event.

F. (1) What parent/booster groups or outside organizations will be involved in the sponsorship of the activity?

The parents of the students on the cheer team will be involved in this trip.

(2) How will they be involved?

The parents of each student are responsible transporting each student to the arena. Room accommodations and meals will be paid for by the parents. They will be present during the competition to show support and provide additional supervision for the Nogales Cheer team.

G. (1) What fundraising activities, if any, are being considered to finance this trip?

Students have obtained funds through individual sponsorships and have worked at various fundraising events.

(2) What is the proposed timeline of the fundraising?

Students raised funds during fall semester 2015.

H. How many students are qualified to participate?

Seven (7) students are qualified to participate.

I. What is the anticipated per student cost of the activity?

The anticipated cost for this activity is \$250.00 per student.

J. (1) What, if any, outside vendors might be involved? (For example: transportation Companies, travel agencies, hotels, etc.) List at least three travel agencies – include local vendors.

The Orleans Hotel and Arena - 4500 West Tropicana Ave Las Vegas, NV 89103
JAMZ Cheer and Dance, P.O. Box 4308, Modesto, CA 95352.

(2) How will you research these vendors in terms of:

a. A fair price?

Yes, the Orleans Hotel is located right next to the Orleans Arena. The hotel is well aware of these events taking place and provides a 20% room discount for all groups registered to compete at the JAMZ competition.

b. Their performance record?

The Orleans hotel is the recommended accommodation for this event by the JAMZ company. Additional information about the hotel can be found online through reviews from both the Orleans website as well as outside sources.

c. The extent of their liability coverage?

N/A – students will be covered under the RUSD policy.

K. What provisions will you make for student supervision?

Each parent will provide transportation for their individual student as well as remain with students during events and meals. The head coach and assistant coaches will accompany the team during the event and rehearsals on both days. Cheer moms will be assigned specific shifts

and will rotate times and positions to chaperone team.

L. (1) How will parents be informed of this proposal?

Parents will be contacted by phone and email.

(2) What provisions will be made for parent input and approval?

Parents are able to contact the coach at any time via email or phone. They may also provide input in person if they wish to personally talk to the coach at Nogales High School.

M. Does this activity violate Policy #P1-1112 “In-District Advertising by an Employee”?

Yes ☐

No ☒

N. Has the proposed trip been checked against the school’s Master Calendar?

Yes ☐

No ☒