

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT**

Regular Meeting – March 2, 2010
Long Hill Administration Building
Lorraine R. Smith Assembly Room

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. *PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- A. Salute to the Flag
- B. Correspondence
- C. Comments and Questions
- D. Hillcrest Pops Orchestra

II. PERSONNEL

- A. Personnel – Mr. Iassogna

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval/Minutes- Special Meeting – 2/23/09

IV. REPORTS

- A. THS Renovate as New Update – Mr. Iassogna, Mr. Barbarotta
- B. One Book/One Town – Mr. Lovely, Ms. Horton
- C. Update/Board of Education Cell Phones – Mr. Iassogna

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval/THS World Language/Social Studies Trip to Greece – Mr. Iassogna, Mrs. Rubano,
Mrs. Guadagnoli
- B. Approval/THS Trip to Washington, DC – Ms. Gilman, Mr. Margonis

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/Hillcrest Pool – Mr. Iassogna

VII. OTHER

NOTE: *If needed, the Board may choose to hold an Executive Session upon a two thirds vote of members present and voting.

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Report to the Board of Education
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Mr. Iassogna

Agenda Item I-D

Recognition
Hillcrest Pops Orchestra

The Hillcrest Pops Orchestra, which consists of both seventh and eighth grade students, will present several selections for your listening pleasure this evening.

Under the direction of Jennifer Winschel, Hillcrest orchestra teacher, the Board of Education has previously been fortunate to enjoy the ensemble's performance and looks forward to their recital this evening.

Recommendation:

Recognize and commend Ms. Winschel and the Hillcrest Pops Orchestra.

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Agenda Item II-A

Personnel

Resignations –Non-Affiliated

Jardim, Celeste; Human Resources Specialist at Long Hill Administration since August 24, 1981, retiring effective June 30, 2010.

Recommendation:

Accept.

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Mr. Iassogna

Agenda Item – III-A

Approval/Minutes

Special Meeting –2/23/10

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve the minutes of the above
noted meeting.

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Special Meeting – February 23, 2010
Long Hill Administration Building
Lorraine R. Smith Assembly Room

The Trumbull Board of Education convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Special Meeting.

Members present:

E. Lovely, Chairman
D. Herbst, Vice Chairwoman
T. Kelly, Secretary
L. Chory, Board Member
L. Labella, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member
S. Wright, Board Member

Members Absent:

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began at 7:34 p.m. followed by a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Comments and Questions – On behalf of the PTA Council Collaboration Committee, Cindy Katske, 129 Meadowview Drive, conveyed that they encourage and would help Board members to support the 2.54% budget increase they submitted to the Town on January 5 as the .85% increase recommended by the First Selectman would not meet educational needs. JoAnn Zimmerman, 4672 Madison Avenue, echoed Mrs. Katske's comments and continuation of budget support for the success of K-12 students as any further reductions will adversely affect the very resource we are trying to preserve.

In response to a query from Mrs. Chory, Superintendent Iassogna noted that in checking with the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, it is acceptable to place approval of minutes on the agenda of a Special Meeting.

Agenda Item II – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting – 2/9/10 - It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Labella) to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III – Old Business

- A. 2010-11 Budget Status/Review – At a previous Board of Finance meeting, member Tom Tesoro requested a list of potential budget cuts from the Board of Education if the First Selectman's recommended .85% education budget increase came to fruition. Chairman Lovely conveyed that the First Selectman's \$1.45 million cut to the Board of Education's budget request of 2.54% would seriously disrupt the school system. Superintendent Iassogna communicated that he and his staff worked very hard to create a reasonable budget request and that numerous accounts already have been reduced and programs and personnel had been scaled down. Further discussion ensued including: pitfalls associated with the use of ARRA monies to supplant rather than supplement the budget and concerns regarding upcoming years when this funding is no longer available; reiteration that a \$1.45 million decrease in the Board's request will adversely affect the educational system and further erode the academic quality of programs with operations changing significantly as we know it; any further reduction from the 2.54% Board recommended budget would equate to people and programs as 80% of budget is made up of these leaving little room for discretionary spending; with regard to compiling a list, it has been done in the past and has never been beneficial or productive; a list pits community members against each other as each vie for a portion of the budget to support their cause and they lose sight of the larger budget picture; and possible examination of

what can't be cut rather than what can; looking at education as an investment rather than an expense; possible use of monies from the \$15 million Town fund balance as the Bond rating is the same as it was when there was \$3 million in the account.

In response to a general question as to what the \$1.45 million budget cut would equate to, Mr. Iassogna noted that although he would not recommend it, this would equate to 23 teachers. He also noted that district priorities would include maintaining class size, particularly elementary, meeting special education student needs regarding inclusion in classroom; and basic funding for daily operations. All areas would be affected – teachers, custodians, secretaries, programs (TAG, strings/music, athletics). Teacher Board Representative Darlene Ference noted that contractually, teachers need to be notified prior to April 1 if they will be non-renewed.

By unanimous consensus of the Board, it was agreed that a list of potential education budget cuts would not be compiled at this time and decisions regarding budget allocation would take place in May when the Board receives its budget from the Town.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:24 p.m.

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Mr. Iassogna
Mr. Barbarotta

Agenda Item – IV – A

THS Renovate as New Update

Al Barbarotta will update the Board on the Trumbull High School Renovate as New project.

Recommendation:

Discuss.

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Mr. Iassogna
Ms. Horton

Agenda Item – IV-B

One Book/One Town

In 1999, a Seattle librarian created a community wide reading program, One Book/One Town, to spread unity and literacy. This idea has extended to libraries across the country, including several in Connecticut.

In April 2009, Susan Horton, Director of the Trumbull Public Library, initiated this concept in our town with the help of Assistant Superintendent Gary Cialfi, as well as several school personnel and civic and professional groups.

Beginning with 70 suggested books, a reading committee narrowed the list to 8 titles. *The Selected Works of T.S. Spivet* by first time author Reif Larsen was ultimately chosen for the themes in the book and the ability to build programs for all ages.

Mrs. Horton will be here this evening to expand on this program and answer any questions you may have.

The Board should be aware that Terry Buckingham, our Program Leader of Language Arts has tied this town-wide initiative to our annual Read Aloud Program that will take place on April 15, 2010. The theme this year will be *Reading Takes You to Many Places*.

Administrative Recommendation:

Discuss.

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Agenda Item – IV-C

Update/Board of Education Cell Phones

In these economic times, cost savings in any area are important and necessary. Our record in achieving such has been very good, particularly with regard to energy savings and the wise use of revenue allocated to us.

Specifically with regard to this agenda item and the use of cell phones, please be advised of the following information:

Trumbull Public Schools periodically reviews the use of cell phones and we have done so this past month. Cell phones fall under the domain of Technology Manager Jeff Hackett, who coordinates all facets purchasing, plan options, costs and inventories.

At the beginning of the school year, Trumbull Public Schools staff utilized 71 cell phones at an annual cost of \$27,200. After a review by Mr. Hackett and myself, and following several discussion with staff, at this juncture, we were able to reduce the number by 11, for an approximate savings of \$2,100 each year.

You should know that the primary guidelines we employed in our review of cell phone usage included:

- The need to contact a staff member not only during but also after school hours;
- To enhance work efficiency, primarily in the maintenance and technician areas;
- Frequency and immediacy of needed contact;
- Transient staff who travel between schools;
- Individuals key to safety/security of students and staff.

Our review will continue with Mr. Hackett's analysis of the five specific cell phone plans we use to determine if the minutes allotted are appropriate for users.

Administrative Recommendation: Review and discuss.

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Mr. Iassogna
Mrs. Guadagnoli, Mrs. Rubano

Agenda Item –V-A

Approval/THS World Language/Social
Studies Trip to Greece

Attached is a description of a trip to Greece that Trumbull High School teachers Laura Guadagnoli and Kathy Rubano have organized for the World Language/Social Studies Department.

Per Board policy, all trips in which students would miss two or more school days must be approved by the Board of Education.

Students participating in this trip will leave on April 21, 2011 and return to Trumbull on April 30, 2011.

This educational trip will allow student to experience the Greek culture, language and historical sites as outlined in the attached backup.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve trip to Greece as outlined with such approval contingent upon parent(s)/guardian signing a waiver relieving the school district of any financial obligations due to trip cancellations for any reason.

Discovered

Proposal

Athens and the Aegean

April 21, 2011-April 30, 2011 (10 day tour)

Laura Guadagnoli and Kathy Rubano from the Trumbull High School World Language and Social Studies Departments are proposing a trip to Greece in April, 2011. This trip will allow students to experience the Greek culture, language, and historical sites. We are proposing the trip early because it allows students the opportunity to earn money and to make lower monthly payments. Explorica right now is offering a \$150 promotional savings for students to encourage early registration.

As a result of this tour, students will develop a cultural awareness by experiencing and comparing life in Europe. This is truly an interdisciplinary activity which incorporates English, Language Arts, Fine Arts, Social Studies, and World Languages into their experiences. Students will have opportunities to appreciate various aspects of culture (e.g. language, music, art, theater, literature, foods, customs, and religion). Students will have the opportunity to draw connections between our history and the development of western civilization that they have studied, and the roots of democracy.

We have had success of leading the Italy tour in the past, and we are in the process of preparing for our second student tour to through Explorica to Ireland, Wales, and England. Our interaction with Explorica continues to be a very successful learning experience for our students. Through the Italy tour, we saw firsthand how impressed the students were when seeing sites that they have learned about in their studies. They enthusiastically made these connections, gaining a greater appreciation and respect for the roles that we all play in the global community, and increasing their awareness of the skills needed for them to be successful in the 21st Century. Many students have now expressed interest in studying abroad in the future so as to continue to accept challenges and broaden their horizons.

The tour would include visits to Athens, Delphi, and Cape Sounion on the mainland. The remaining tour by a cruise ship includes visits to the islands of Mikonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini. Attached is a detailed itinerary.

We would like to continue providing our students with opportunities to travel abroad at affordable prices, so that they can see and experience the places that they have learned about while in school.



Laura Guadagnoli



Kathy Rubano

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

1. FORWARD ONE COPY OF THE PRINCIPAL'S APPROVED REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AT LEAST THREE (3) WEEKS PRIOR TO DATE OF TRIP FOR DAY TRIPS, AT LEAST NINETY (90) DAYS PRIOR FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS AND TRIPS TO CANADA, AND AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS PRIOR FOR TRIPS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
2. IF SCHOOL OR COACH BUSES ARE INVOLVED THE APPROVED REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.
3. CONFIRMATION WILL BE FORWARDED FOLLOWING APPROVAL.

Date Submitted 02/02/10 Submitted By L. Guadagnoli, K. Rubano
Trip Date April 21 – April 29 2011
School Trumbull High School Group all students
Destination: Athens and the Aegean (via NYC airport)
Address(Directions) see attachment for itinerary

Time: Leave School ½ day April 21 Leave Destination April 29, 2011 (Saturday)
Arrive Destination April 22 Arrive At School N/A
Itinerary **see attachments**

How will this activity enhance student learning and integrate curricular goals?
See attachment

Number of Students 36 Grade Level 9-12 Number of Adults 6
Teacher(s) Laura Guadagnoli, Kathy Rubano, and additional faculty

Substitute Required? Yes No Nurse Notified DMT Date 2/12/2010
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Transportation: School Buses Coaches Parents Driving
(parents must sign parent driver form)

To be arranged by: Transportation Office School Office Teacher

Any Special Considerations _____

Costs: _____ Amount _____ To Be Paid By _____
Transportation see attachment
Other _____

Principal's Approval _____ Date 2/11/10
Assistant Superintendent _____ Date _____

This section to be completed by Transportation Department. Confirmation will be forwarded.

The trip schedule will be as follows:
Leave School _____ Arrive Destination _____ Leave Destination _____ Arrive School _____
Number of Vehicles _____ Cost per Vehicle _____ Total Cost _____

Supervisor of Transportation Date

Printable options: Basic Itinerary | **Detailed Itinerary** **print >**

athens & the aegean

GROUP INFORMATION

Group Leader:

Laura Guadagnoli
TRUMBULL HIGH SCHOOL
TRUMBULL, CT
w: 203-452-4518
guadagnl@trumbullps.org

Departing:

April 21, 2011

Returning:

April 30, 2011

Sign Up Deadline:

January 12, 2011


RESERVE YOUR TOUR NOW!

TOUR ITINERARY (DETAILED)

Day 1 Start Tour (Tours must depart North America on Thursdays)

Day 2 Yassou Athens

Meet your Tour Director and check into hotel
Athens City Walk
Plaka district, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch

Details: Athens City Walk

You're never more than a few steps away from the past in Athens. Accompany your Tour Director to the Plaka, the historic district that borders the Acropolis. In its twisting narrow streets you'll catch glimpses of an older city, from wrought-iron balconies bursting with geraniums to traditional Greek dancing in basement tavernas. Continue on to the Temple of Olympian Zeus, begun in the 6th century B.C. and finished in A.D. 132 by the emperor Hadrian. Its enormous columns provide a sense of the scale of the original temple. Nearby, the elaborate Hadrian's Arch separated the ancient and imperial sections of the city.

Day 3 Athens Landmarks

Athens Guided Sightseeing Tour
Parthenon, Acropolis visit, Temple of Athena Nike, Omonia Square, Syntagma Square, Olympic site

Total Fee:* \$2,327.00

Tour Quote Breakdown

The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

Tour Fee*	\$1,894.00
Lifetime Membership Fee	95.00
Airport fees, taxes, and airline fuel surcharges (Subject to Change)	453.00
Weekend Supplement (Returning)	35.00
** FreeDay Promotion	-150.00

Total Fee* \$2,327.00

OR 12 monthly payments of \$186.00

After initial payment of \$95.00

* Valid until April 1, 2010

** Only valid with voucher code FreeDay

Additional Adult Fees

The following additional fees apply only to full-paying participants 23 and older and are not included in the total price listed above.

Adult Supplement	\$125.00
Twin Room Upgrade	400.00
Additional Adult Fee	\$525.00

TOUR FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare
- 4-day Aegean Cruise
- 4 overnight stays (6 with extension) in hotels with private bathrooms
- 4 overnight stays in cabins on cruise

Details: Athens Guided Sightseeing Tour

Not just another crowded dusty city, Athens has developed from the birthplace of democracy to a bustling modern metropolis. With a local licensed guide, start your time travel at the ancient hot spots of the first Olympic site and the sprawling Acropolis, classical Athens' religious and civic center. The awe-inspiring Parthenon -- a temple dedicated to Athens' patron saint Athena -- is the obvious centerpiece, but take time to examine the building next door, where sculpted women hold up the roof with their heads, and the amazing view of modern Athens below. Jump back to the present in Syntagma Square, the center of the modern city, to see the Parliament building and the British-style changing of the guards ceremony. (There's a rather un-British flair to it, however -- the Greek guards wear white skirts, head scarves, and shoes and knee bands adorned with pom-poms.) Continue to Omonia Square, Athens' other main meeting point, to relax by the splashing central fountain ringed with palm trees.

Day 4 Delphi Landmarks

Delphi Guided Sightseeing Tour
Delphi site visit, Temple of Apollo

Details: Delphi Guided Sightseeing Tour

Prophet from the past. Explore the impressive ruins at Delphi, which the Greeks considered the center of the world. Within the depths of the Temple of Apollo, a priestess would inhale intoxicating vapors that used to rise from the earth and, thus inspired, deliver the prophecies of Apollo. Modern visitors might find more inspiration in the view from Mount Parnassus, over 8000 feet high.

Day 5 Aegean Cruise (Aegean Cruise departs on Mondays only)

Depart Athens on 4-day Aegean Cruise
Optional Shore Excursions Available (purchased on tour)
Mykonos visit
Cruise overnight to Kusadasi

Details: Depart Athens on 4-day Aegean Cruise

Island hop, Aegean style! This four-day cruise will take you to six of the most beautiful islands in the world, all with a unique look and feel. There are more than 160 inhabited Greek islands, and they comprise one-fifth of Greece, and should not be omitted from any visit to this beautiful country. Your first port of call is Mykonos, with museums, white, cubistic buildings, Crayola-colored boats, gourmet restaurants, and lots of beach. Next stop is Kusadasi, an ancient Turkish hill-sloping town that is now one of the most popular Mediterranean tourist destinations. From there it's on to seahorse-shaped Patmos, where you'll see gold-leafed Byzantine frescos at the Monastery of St. John, the capital city of Hora, and the busy port of Skala.

ship

- Full European breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Lunch on cruise ship
- Full-time services of a professional Tour Director
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Flight from Athens--London on extension
- Greek evening on cruise
- Tour Diary™
- Please note: Dinner included on arrival day, breakfast on day of departure
- Cruise excursions not included

Rhodes offers tiled-roofed gazebos, huge trees, open-air plazas, old towns with whitewashed streets and buildings, and of course, beaches. Visit Heraklion, the capital of Crete, a former Minoan seaport with Venetian architecture and the largest collection of Minoan archaeology. And finally, you'll visit Santorini, where whole villages seem to cling to the side of the volcano, and mysterious black sand beaches stretch into the sea. Cruise excursions are provided by the liner and can be purchased during the voyage.

Details: Mykonos visit

Now one of the most popular of the Aegean islands, Mykonos is rugged and beautiful at the same time, and is one of the smallest islands of the Cyclades – it's only 10 miles long and 7 miles wide. Mykonos is absolutely picturesque - thatched windmills, whitewashed streets, and a medieval quarter boasting cubic houses with picturesque balconies, and churches with red or blue doors. You can walk along the main shopping street, Matoyanni, and search for jewelry and clothing, or just take a break in one of the cafes that line the street. You'll also visit the capital, Hora, with its colorful harbor in which little fishing boats nest happily side by side with luxury yachts. Please note that planned shore excursions range between \$75 and \$125 and will be sold through the cruise ship in Greece.

Day 6 Kusadasi--Rhodes

Kusadasi visit

Cruise on and visit Patmos

Cruise overnight to Rhodes

Details: Kusadasi visit

On Turkey's west coast, Kusadasi ("Bird Island") was named for the many pigeons that made their homes in and around the island's 14th-century fort. Now tourists from around the world flock to this top Turkish resort for its miles of sandy beaches, beautiful rugged scenery, and proximity to important archaeological ruins. Wander through the market, where intricate carpets and glittering jewelry vie for buyers' attention. Please note that planned shore excursions range between \$75 and \$125 and will be sold through the cruise ship in Greece.

Details: Cruise on and visit Patmos

Patmos is a barren island, and is the home of the famous Monastery of St. John the Theologian. There are only 2,500 lucky inhabitants of this rocky but beautiful island, and they are mostly concentrated in three towns – Skala, Chora and Kambos. Many people come here to pay religious homage, while wealthy Athenians and Europeans use this island as a vacation destination. You'll see gold-leafed Byzantine frescos at the Monastery of St. John, the picturesque village of Chora, and Skala, the busy port town with many beautiful beaches, shops, and much else to keep you busy – all found on this

beautiful and picturesque island.

Day 7 Rhodes--Crete

Rhodes visit

Cruise overnight to Crete

Details: Rhodes visit

Once a political and religious center of the ancient world (and home of one of the seven wonders of the ancient world), Rhodes now lures visitors with sunny beaches, well-preserved medieval fortifications, and a castle on a hill. A league of Christian knights built the beautiful palace in the 1300s on the highest point of the island. Though partially destroyed by an explosion in 1856, the palace was rebuilt by the Italians to serve as one of Mussolini's summer homes. Please note that planned shore excursions range between \$75 and \$125 and will be sold through the cruise ship in Greece.

Day 8 Crete--Athens

Crete visit

Cruise on and visit Santorini

Cruise overnight to Athens

Details: Crete visit

The largest city on Crete and the fourth-largest city in Greece, Heraklion holds many treasures from the past within its modern buzz. The central Archaeological Museum proudly displays the remains of Heraklion's Minoan heritage. Walk around and explore the many churches and ancient ruins, or just shop the markets and sample wonderful Greek fare. Please note that planned shore excursions range between \$75 and \$125 and will be sold through the cruise ship in Greece.

Details: Cruise on and visit Santorini

Rising steeply from the Aegean, crescent-shaped Santorini marks the rim of a volcanic crater that exploded in 1625 B.C., destroying and fragmenting a much larger island. The sea flooded into the crater, and now white towns gleam from the tops of the rocky cliffs, streaked black, brown, pink, and pale green. Rumors claim that this island may actually be the not-so-lost Atlantis. Please note that planned shore excursions range between \$75 and \$125 and will be sold through the cruise ship in Greece.

Day 9 Cape Sounion

Arrive in Athens

Cape Sounion Guided Excursion

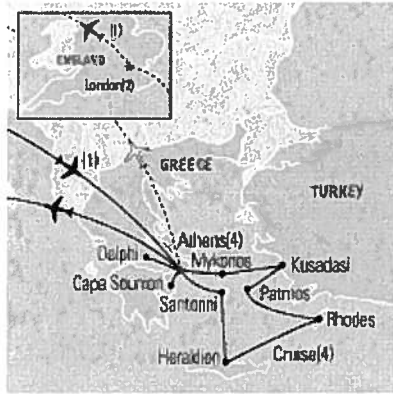
Temple of Poseidon

Details: Cape Sounion Guided Excursion

Contemplate the sea god Poseidon from his temple perched high atop the hill of Cape Sounion, the southern-most tip of

Central Greece. Stand among the tall, marble pillars rising up from the slippery slabs of rock and look out over the calm blue Aegean Sea. The Temple of Poseidon, built around the same time as the Parthenon (between 450-440 BC), is a refreshing point of calm after the chaos of modern Athens.

Day 10 End Tour



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Ms. Gilman, Mr. Margonis

Agenda Item –V-B

Approval/THS Trip to Washington, DC

Per Board policy, all trips in which students would miss two or more school days must be approved by the Board of Education. Accordingly, attached is a field trip request submitted by Trumbull High School teachers Beth Gilman and Michael Margonis for students who participate in Model UN and Constitutional Studies.

Ms. Gilman and Mr. Margonis are proposing to take 48 students on a trip to Washington, DC between March 25 and March 28 to enhance their educational experience by allowing students first hand experience in our nation's capital (see attached).

Ms. Gilman and Mr. Margonis will be available this evening to answer any questions you may have.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve trip to Washington as outlined with such approval contingent upon parent(s)/guardian signing a waiver relieving the school district of any financial obligations due to trip cancellations for any reason.

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FIELD TRIP REQUEST

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- CONFIRMATION WILL BE FORWARDED FOLLOWING APPROVAL.

Date Submitted 1/28/2010 Submitted By Beth Gilman Trip Date March 25-28, 2010
 School THS Group Model UN and Constitutional Studies
 Destination Washington, DC Address(Directions) see attached

Time: Leave School 8:00 AM 3/25 Leave Destination 2 pm 3/28
 Arrive Destination apx 2 PM 3/25 Arrive At School 8 pm 3/28 (apx)
 Itinerary see attached

How will this activity enhance student learning and integrate curricular goals?
see attached

Number of Students 48 Grade Level 11-12 Number of Adults 5
 Teacher(s) Gilman, Margolis

Substitute Required? Yes No Nurse Notified DMT Date 1/29/2010
 Initials Dawn M. Trempa
 Transportation: School Buses Coaches Parents Driving
 (parents must sign parent driver form)

To be arranged by: Transportation Office School Office already arranged
 Any Special Considerations _____

Costs:
 Transportation \$4030.00 Amount _____ To Be Paid By Students
 Other see attached/hotel _____ see attached

Principal's Approval [Signature] Date 2/1/10
 Assistant Superintendent _____ Date _____

This section to be completed by Transportation Department. Confirmation will be forwarded.
 The trip schedule will be as follows:
 Leave School _____ Arrive Destination _____ Leave Destination _____ Arrive School _____
 Number of Vehicles _____ Cost per Vehicle _____ Total Cost _____
 Supervisor of Transportation _____ Date _____

Washington D.C. Model UN / Constitutional Studies Trip

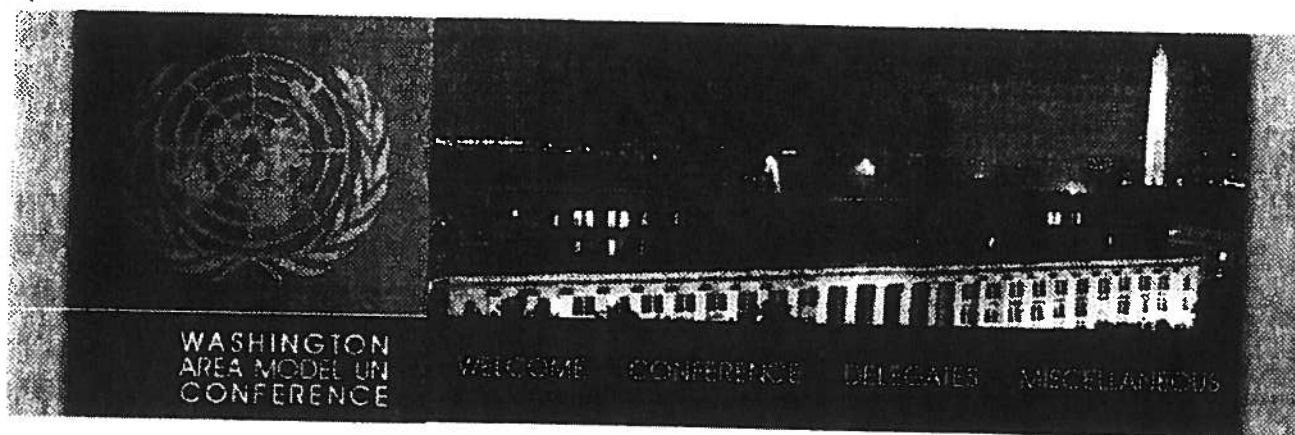
Educational rationale:

Model UN:

Model United Nations is a unique opportunity for students to take the role of countries in international negotiations. Students are afforded the opportunity to become global citizens through the extensive research, debate and role playing required of a model UN conference. The George Washington University conference will allow students of both the Honors Great Issues course and the Model UN club to further engage in debate in an international and highly competitive forum.

Constitutional Studies:

The Constitutional Studies course which focuses on the *We the People* competition allows students to research and apply constitutional law. The trip to Washington would provide a broader context to their work and research by allowing the students to see where laws are made. Students will be given a wide range of opportunities to appreciate our system of government and explore its long history.



SCHEDULE

Tentative WAMUNC XII Schedule

The Eleventh Annual Washington Area Model United Nations Conference will be held **March 25-28, 2010**.

Please refer to the [registration page](#) for forms, deadlines, and other information about registering for WAMUNC XII.

Thursday March 26, 2010

Delegation Registration: 12:00 pm - 6:00pm

- You can register any time between these hours. If you are unable to register during this time, you can register after 7:00 pm in the WAMUNC XII office, in the Marvin Center, Room 428.

Opening Ceremonies: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Committee Session I: 8:15 pm - 10:00 pm

Faculty Reception: 8:30 pm- 9:30 pm

Friday March 26, 2010

Washington D.C. Excursions 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

- WAMUNC staffers will lead delegates on tours throughout the city. Delegates will be able to choose tours at registration on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Note: Advisers may choose to have delegates stay together as one group, or may allow delegates to separate into different tours. Delegations are not required to attend.*

Committee Session II: 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Faculty Luncheon & Speaker: 2:15 pm- 3:30 pm

Committee Session III: 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Committee Session IV: 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

Faculty Luncheon & Speaker: 11:30 am- 12:45 pm

Committee Session V: 2:30 pm- 6:00 pm

The Twelfth Annual WAMUNC DelegateFest: 8:00 pm- 11:00 pm

- WAMUNC will host a Delegate Dance and game room at The George Washington University
- WAMUNC will simultaneously provide snacks, coffee, and announcements for faculty advisers.

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Committee Session 6: 9:00 am -11:00 am

Closing Ceremonies: 11:30 am -1:00 pm

**Note: At the times when there is no official faculty event scheduled*

Constitutional Studies Course – Mr. Margonis Washington DC Itinerary

Thursday 3/25 Evening: Arrive

Check in to hotel

Dinner: James Hoban's Irish Restaurant in DuPont Circle

Friday 3/26

Morning: Walk to Washington Mall for walking tour of monuments

Lunch: Les Halles or one of a number of restaurants off the Mall

Afternoon: Smithsonian Museum of American History, Air and Space, Holocaust Museum, etc.
(Break up into groups by interest.)

Dinner: In Dupont Circle or downtown

Saturday 3/27

Morning: Walk to Arlington National Cemetery: Eternal Flame, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Robert E. Lee House, etc.

Lunch: Red Hot and Blue BBQ or one of the cafes or restaurants in Arlington

Afternoon: Metro ride to Georgetown OR students can choose to tour the Capitol Building or other museums on the Mall

Sunday 3/28

Morning: Tour of Ford's Theatre if time permits

Leave Washington D.C.

Costs of George Washington Model UN / Constitutional Studies Trip

DESCRIPTION	COST	COVERED BY:
Registration fees for Model UN Students:		
School fee	\$80.00	
Adviser Fee	\$50.00 (2 @ \$25 each)	
Student Fee	\$1,500.00 (20 @ \$75 each)	
Total Reg Fees	\$1,630.00	MUN ACCOUNT 20639
Hotel Fees:		
10 rooms @ \$179/night for 3 nights	\$5,370.00	
4 rooms @ \$159/night for 3 nights*	\$1,908.00	*part of GW MUN room block
TOTAL HOTEL:	\$7,278.00	STUDENTS
Transportation:		
Peter Pan Bus Lines	\$4,030.00	STUDENTS
TOTAL STUDENT FEE (ROOM & TRANSPORTATION)	\$11,308.00	
Charge each student \$270 each*		
Note: Does not include food, entrance fees for musuems / attractions, gratuities for drivers, metro passes		

Dupont Circle Hotel -
 1 - 800 - 468 - 3571
 Group Sales -
 202 - 775 - 0800
 ext 6807
 1 800 - 803 - 1298

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Report to the Board of Education
Regular Meeting – March 2, 2010

Mr. Iassogna

Agenda Item – VI-B

Discussion/Hillcrest Pool

For background purposes, please note the following information:

The Hillcrest pool was opened in 1967 as part of the new Grades 7 – 9 junior high school. Since that time, the pool facility has served the Trumbull community very well, providing countless hours of enjoyment, therapy, physical fitness, instruction and athletic competitions. Schools, Town recreation programs, groups such as TLC and Pisces, and many community members have benefitted from the use of the pool.

These numerous school and community programs have been offered from early morning to late evening. (In the late 1970's, school instruction was eliminated due to budget cuts.) Also, in 1990, the pool was brought into code compliance as part of the total school upgrade, although the planned full pool renovation, including the locker room area, was scaled down and modified due to reduced funding, the result of which we are now dealing with.

As the Board is aware, for approximately the past ten years, particularly since the tragedy of Columbine, the issue of school security and safety has taken on a predominant significance and attention. In Trumbull, there has been a unique school safety/security concern as it relates to community use of the pool **during school hours**. Of particular growing concern is the converging of students and adults in both locker rooms and the lavatory area; and the increasing number of adults entering the facility and wandering the halls of the school, and many times, mingling with students.

Adult swimmers use the same changing facilities as our students for gym classes. While students are changing, adults are showering, are undressing and are using the same bathrooms as our children. We have no background on these individuals and that is of major concern, particularly since all of our employees are, per state law, fingerprinted and screened so as to protect our students and staff.

Although not as serious as the above, the school is impacted in other ways that have proven to be troublesome and time consuming. At times, the school nurse has to attend to the needs of the swimmers; the school office becomes involved with

numerous pool issues and the school custodial staff often has to be responsive to the swimmers, which takes away from their primary duties.

Several improvements have been done to help remedy this ongoing problem: a partial wall was constructed to separate adults from students; a monitor was provided by the Recreation Department to screen participants; the front school entrance was closed to swimmers; the former skate park area was reconfigured to provide a separate entrance for individuals; and program swim times were altered to reduce contact time. Although these modifications improved the situation, the problems were not eliminated and continued to surface.

Following a recent site assessment which included First Selectman Tim Herbst, Building Principal Rosemary Seaman, Town Recreation Director Mary Markham and myself, we agreed that a short term solution which involved some reconstruction work, plumbing changes and equipment purchases could resolve the problem. Also, the First Selectman shared that he is currently in discussions with the Lakewood YMCA regarding a joint Town/YMCA pool project that would offer a long term solution.

As a follow up to the above meeting, Facility Manager Al Barbarotta, Town Public Works Director John Marsilio, and staff, including a town engineer, have revisited the area and have come up with a temporary, immediate solution until the Town determines a more permanent resolution to the problem. Design specifications will be forthcoming within the next ten days, as will costs and a project timeline.

Simultaneously, recent activities in the community have surfaced that will focus on both school concerns and the physical plant area of the pool: the Town Council will be conducting a review of the pool's use and operation and issue a report of its findings and recommendations; a group of citizens are holding a "Community Dialogue" on the Hillcrest pool; the Hillcrest PTA addressed this topic at their last general meeting, which elicited a great deal of concern.

Within the context of the above background, many Hillcrest parents, the PTA School and Council Presidents, numerous community members and several Board members have renewed their serious safety concerns when the community uses the facility during school hours and on numerous occasions, interacts with segments of the student body. I have attached for your review two of the many letters/communications the district recently has received on this serious issue. I believe these communications capture the essence of the problem.

At tonight's meeting, the Superintendent and Facility Manager Al Barbarotta will update the Board on the status of the Hillcrest pool. Particular emphasis will be placed on a new plan that has

just surfaced regarding the reconfiguration of the locker room area that could be completed within a month.

If this does not come to fruition during that time period, the Superintendent will readdress this issue at the March 16 Board meeting at which time, **the closing of the pool during the school hours of 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. will be recommended.**

Administrative Recommendation:

Review, discuss and take action, if necessary.

Konecny, Mary

From: Liz Polzello [liz@polzello.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:54 PM
To: therbst@trumbull-ct.gov; Konecny, Mary; Konecny, Mary; councilclerk@trumbull-ct.gov
Subject: Hillcrest Pool

February 4, 2010

Dear Mr. Herbst, Mr. Iassogna, Members of the Town Council and Members of the Board of Education,

For a number of years we have been concerned about the safety and security issues connected with the Hillcrest pool. We are thankful that these issues are finally being publicly acknowledged and discussed. Although we have expressed our concerns on numerous occasions we, as a group, have not made a formal request to the Town of Trumbull to deal with this situation. We have watched as temporary measures were put in to place in an attempt to alleviate the problem and have been buoyed by the fact that the building of a new pool in the near future would create a permanent solution. As the temporary fixes have not proven successful and a new pool is no longer on the table we strongly feel that the Hillcrest safety and security issues need to be addressed immediately.

We, therefore, are writing to you to respectfully request that the pool at Hillcrest be closed to the public during regular school hours until parents can be assured with absolute certainty that community members will not be allowed in the student locker rooms and that access to the rest of the building from the pool area will be completely restricted. We think the Town should enforce these changes to protect the students, put an end to the ongoing security issues, and avoid potential liability. It is our hope that both the Town of Trumbull and the Trumbull Public School System can work together to come up with a long overdue resolution to this important matter. We would appreciate you updating us on the Town's plan as soon as possible. If we can assist in any way please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Liz Polzello
Ilene Feuerberg
Hillcrest Middle School PTA Presidents

Linda Bartolucci
Teresa Carter
Madison Middle School PTA Presidents

Dawn Cantafio
Lori Hayes-O'Brien
Mary Isaac
Trumbull High School PTSA Presidents

Cindy Katske
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Luciana Gay
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Daniels Farm School PTA Presidents

Sheila Hazen
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Frenchtown School PTA Presidents

Jackie DeFusco
JoAnn Zimmerman
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Lisa Hughes
Kim Johnson
Middlebrook School PTA President and Vice-President

Judy Fitzgibbons
Lydia Gach-Dunn
Tashua School PTA Presidents

January 21, 2010

Dear Mr. Herbst,

We are writing to request a meeting with you to discuss an ongoing safety concern in connection with community use of the Hillcrest pool. It's our hope that the town can address the issue either by closing the pool to the general public during school hours or by constructing separate bathroom/ changing facilities due to unresolved safety issues.

While students don't use the pool during the day, it is open to the public each morning for an early bird swim. On Mondays and Wednesdays an additional four programs are offered throughout the day. As a security measure to limit access to students and the hallways during the school day, a separate, direct entrance to the pool was established for the general public. Unfortunately, these adult swimmers continue to use the same changing facilities that students use for gym. While students are changing, adults are showering, are undressed or in partial dress, and are using the same bathrooms as the children.

Efforts to remedy the situation have proven unsuccessful.

Several years ago, a partial wall was constructed between the shower/ changing area in the boys' locker room. But in practice, this didn't provide any real screening whatsoever. Recently, swim times also were adjusted to eliminate student/adult contact, but this was also ineffective. This past October, an aid was hired by the recreation department to "move along" the men in the boys' locker room. He was to be outside the facility and prior to the start/finish of the gym classes, would ensure that all men were out of the locker room. This has not worked. Not only is this aid also in the changing facility himself, adding one more male, the adults are still showering/changing at their own pace.

While the girls' facility has a different configuration and is not as "open" as the boys' area, the same problem exists with women showering and changing during the times that the girls are in the locker room.

Allowing adults to shower and dress in front of our children is a shocking practice which needs to end. Not only is it a concern for our children to see naked/partially naked adults, but even more a concern that these adults are seeing our children change for gym.

The administration and parents have been discussing the safety concerns around this for a number of years. While we were all hopeful that the issue would be rectified in a way that would allow community use of the pool and eliminate student/adult contact, that hasn't been the case.

So, after numerous discussions with the superintendent and town officials, we are requesting that either the pool be closed to the community during the school day or separate bathroom/changing facilities be constructed.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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