

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
October 18, 2018

Agenda Item Number
A-9

Title
Approval of Renewal of Partnership Agreement with Elm Street Cultural Arts Village
Requested Action
School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreement with Elm Street Cultural Arts Village
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>One of the School Board's Major System Priorities is increasing parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process.</p> <p>The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the renewal of the Partnership Agreement with Elm Street Cultural Arts Village.</p>
Major System Priority
Increasing parental and community involvement
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
Draft Agreement Attached

Board Action
<i>(For Official School Board Records Only)</i>

Source of Additional Information	
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____ (Date)

By: _____ (School Board Chairman)

*Initialized: 3/3/99
Revised: 2/1/16*

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

ELM STREET CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE

This agreement entered into on this ~~18th day of October, 2012~~ 18th day of October, 2018 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and The Elm Street Cultural Arts Village hereinafter referred to as "Elm Street."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to ~~enable all students to become contributing citizens who can communicate effectively, gather and use information, make responsible decisions and adapt to the challenges of the future~~ educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process; and,

WHEREAS, Elm Street's purpose is engaging community with ~~fresh~~ relevant arts experiences every day through arts education, live performances and historic preservation providing a creative outlet for all ages; and,

WHEREAS, Elm Street has provided ongoing arts support and programming to the School Board for more than five years.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference:

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Promote Elm Street programs and events through existing communication channels via online and print materials, as permitted by School Board policy, specifically the promotion of Elm Street camps and classes, Main Stage performances, audition announcements, ~~Teen Arts Nights, iThink Improv Troupe field trips~~, and other family friendly events at Elm Street.
2. Upon Elm Street's request, give email access to contact teachers as well as any changes and/or updates at the start of each academic year. A liaison and/or point of contact will be delegated as needed.
3. ~~Proclaim March as National Youth Art Month, including all of the arts: performing, musical, visual, culinary, etc.~~ Proclaim, promote, and celebrate March as Theatre in Our Schools Month.
4. Explore professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests, including student and teacher workshops in the performing arts.
5. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests by exploring opportunities for arts collaboration.

ARTICLE III

Elm Street will:

1. Continue to provide judges for Young Authors Fair, Governor's Honors, Speech Contests, Reflections program, One-Act Play competitions, talent shows, and other arts-related activities.
2. Partner with schools, drama programs, and drama program shows to provide specific workshops, lessons, etc.
2. ~~Continue to provide auditorium and workshop facilities for the annual high school Drama Day and a minimum of two workshop instructors at no cost to the School District.~~
3. Continue to bring the ~~iThink School~~ RepTouR Troupe into any School District school that requests performances for two shows on the same day at no cost to the school. Additional performances required by the school will be provided by Elm Street at a low cost.

4. Continue to provide speakers and instructors for Career Days and Cultural Arts Days.
- ~~5. Continue to bring Big Read programming into the schools when Elm Street is awarded the appropriate grant.~~
6. Continue to offer field trips at Elm Street for minimal cost for literature-based and other Main Stage performances.
7. Provide printed and online materials for promotion and distribution, as permitted by School Board policy.
- ~~7. Continue to arrange for special events for schools such as Atlanta Opera Educational Tours and the Wright-On playwriting festival.~~
8. Continue to mentor as many as six students per school year for their Senior Projects with the students provided by participating schools.
9. Provide internship opportunities to qualified high school seniors.
10. Provide character actors to visit schools in collaboration with reading and literacy initiatives.
- ~~10. Offer membership in Elm Street's Teen Actors Guild (TAG) as a leadership and service opportunity for arts-minded students in Grades 7 through 12.~~
11. Support arts integration in schools with Elm Street volunteers and materials such as costumes and props at minimal or no cost.
- ~~12. Provide low-cost access to customizable literature-based and other scripts designed to be performed by young people and proven successful on Elm Street's stage. Scripts can be adjusted to suit number of students, boy/girl ratios and other factors to assure success for School District students and teachers.~~
13. Explore professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests.
14. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.
15. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, Elm Street must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~October 18, 2012 through October 17, 2013~~
October 18, 2018 through October 18, 2019. This contract shall automatically
renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies
the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days
written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract
shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at ~~110~~
~~Academy Street~~ PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia 3014469, and to Elm Street
Cultural Arts Village at 8534 Main Street, Woodstock, Georgia 30188.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first
date referred to herein.

ELM STREET CULTURAL ARTS
VILLAGE

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

By: Christopher Brazelton, Executive
Director

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire