OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Marion – Mattapoisett - Rochester, Massachusetts
July 29, 2024

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This meeting will be conducted via zoom.

TIME 12:00PM **MEETING TO ORDER**

RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

I. Approval of Minutes
- A. Regular Meeting
- B. Executive Session
- C. Budget Subcommittee
- D. Facilities Subcommittee

II. Consent Agenda

III. Agenda Items Pending

IV. Special Topic Report

V. General
- **A. Approval of Foreign Exchange Student**
- **B. Approval of Grant**

VI. New Business
- A. Policy Review
- B. Curriculum
- C. Business
  1. Financial Report
  2. Food Service Report
  3. Facilities Report
  4. Budget Transfers
- D. Personnel

VI. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

VII. School Committee
- A. Reorganization
- B. Committee Reports
  1. Budget Subcommittee
  2. District Agreement Committee
  3. Equity Subcommittee
  4. Facilities Committee
  5. Local School Committee
  6. Policy Subcommittee
  7. SMEC
  8. Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund

VIII. Future Business
- A. Timeline
- B. Future Agenda Items

IX. Open Comments
X. Information Items
XI. Executive Session
ADJOURNMENT

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts

TO: Old Rochester Regional District School Committee
FROM: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: July 25, 2024
SUBJECT: Agenda Items

The following items are on the agenda of July 29, 2024.

V. General

A. Approval of Foreign Exchange Student

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review a request from Cultural Homestay International (CHI) to enroll one international exchange student at Old Rochester Regional High School. Please refer to "ORRSC 07292024 Foreign Exchange Student Application" and "ORRSC 07292024 Foreign Exchange Student Application".

B. Approval of Grant(s)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant. Please refer to "ORRSC 07292024 Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant FY2025".

If you have any questions regarding any of these recommendations, please feel free to call me.

Dear Old Rochester High School and District leadership,

I have assembled a few resources here about our organization, but would be happy to supply additional information as needed.

Cultural Homestay International is fully listed with the Council for Standards on International Educational Travel, and that listing can be found here: https://www.csiet.org/advisory-list/cultural-homestay-international/

We have a specific landing page for schools where you can read a few testimonials from other principals: https://chinet.org/academic-year/for-schools/

It has been a decade since CHI has had students at Old Rochester High School. I did find this newspaper article that references the students we had there 10 years ago: https://www.wanderer.com/schools/orrhs-welcoming-four-exchange-students/

I feel that it is important to include a bit about myself, and Jennifer Anslow, who would be the local coordinator for this student. The success of these programs is a reflection of the local staff who run the program. It sounds like you've had a great representative through AFS and I love to hear that.

I have worked for Cultural Homestay International for 17 years, though I've been involved with international exchange much longer than that. I signed my family up to host when I was 14, and we hosted multiple exchange students while I was in high school. I did both a short term and long term exchange through the Rotary (to Belgium and Argentina) and these were life changing experiences for me. I have been trying to get American teens to be exchange students since the day I returned, which as it turns out, is much harder than finding host families for students from abroad. I am also a teacher, and still try to influence American teens to become global citizens by leading trips abroad, and encouraging them to apply to the Rotary exchanges and other Department of State Programs, like World Ambassadors. Both of my teenage boy have taken part in short-term exchanges (to Italy and India), and my older son hopes to complete an exchange year after he graduates this fall. I deeply believe that these programs are part of the peace-building process in our world and invaluable not only for the individuals involved, but also for our society.

Jennifer Anslow started off 10 years being a host mom and decided that she really enjoyed it. She has worked for Cultural Homestay International for the last 9 years. She truly loves working with exchange students and tries to do whatever she can to help the family, the student and the school. She is available at any time for a problem. She has hosted a total of 16 students over the last 10 years.

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AYP ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Student Profile

Student Code: 24FWEP4853Y

Last Name:	[redacted]	**First Name:**	Maiwenn	**Middle Name:**	[redacted]
Gender:	Female	**Date Of Birth:**	09/11/2006	**Age On Arrival:**	17
Birth Place City:	[redacted]	**Birth Country:**	France	**Citizenship:**	France
Native Language:	French	**Passport #:**	[redacted]	**Expiration Date:**	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted]	**City:**	[redacted]	**Country:**	France
Telephone:	[redacted]	**Email:**	[redacted]	**Postal Code:**	[redacted]
Grade level (US):	12 th				

Program and school information

Is this an IEP (Intensive English Program) student? No

iTEP (score): **TOEFL (score):** **ELTIS (score):** [redacted]

Are you currently studying English in your home High School? Yes

Have you taken any Private English Lessons? No

How many years have you studied English? 6 years

Have you participated in any High School program in U.S. before? No

Have you officially graduated from a High School? No

What other foreign languages have you studied and how long?

Language 1: Spanish **Years:** 3
Language 2: **Years:**
Language 3: **Years:**

CHI will consider requests from students who want to attend private school at a cost. Please indicate if you want to be considered for a private school and pay tuition.
Please note: Select carefully. If you check "Yes", your choice will be considered final. If you are placed in a private school, you will then be expected to follow through with attending the private school and paying for all costs.

Private school selected option: No

Your family

Relation	Name	Age	Occupation	Living with the Student
Mother	[redacted]			
Brother				
Brother				
Sister				
Father				

Student's letter to Host Family

Dear host family,

my name is Maiwenn Moisy, I'm 17.

I live with my mom and my big brother, Titouan 20, my little brother Youenn 15 and my little sister Maellys 13. We no longer live with our father, who passed away when I was 3. Family is very important for me I love spending time with them during the week. Even if I'm busy I try to always find some time to spend with them.

At school and in general, I really like anything to do with languages and history. It's passionating to discover what happened in the past and to learn new things everyday. And even if I'm less interested in some subjects than others, I always try to do well at school and understand my lessons. Depending on my day, I work between one and two hours when I get home from school. It depends a lot on my schedule and outside activities. At least Three nights a week I'm at my field hockey club to train or to coach. It's an important moment for me in a day because I think about nothing else than hockey, it helps me free my mind. Coaching permit me to have responsibilities, I can take care of a group of 30 children between 5 and 10yo but also manage a team of 15 girls of 12yo. I had the opportunity to take them to the indoor and outdoor France championship for two years in a row.

I would describe myself as invested in whatever I undertake, determined, always seeking the truth, kind, trying my best to be in a good mood and to bring it to others, very attentive to the people around me, apparently with good advice and reliable. I'm also sensitive, sometimes too much of a perfectionist and stressed (description from a friend of mine because it's complicated to describe myself).

I've always loved traveling and wanted to do a year abroad to meet new people, discover a new culture and live in a new way. This experience would also enable me to perfect my English, which is a big plus in everyday life. The United States is a dream destination for many people. It's a country you want to discover at least once in your life.
Once in your family, I could teach you French traditions (including cooking, which I love !). We could play sports together, as I'm a great athlete and love to move around. I'm very outgoing and, as I said, I love discovering new things, so I'd be open to anything you suggest to do as much as possible.
I would also love to discover how to play a music instrument like piano or guitar because music is a very important prt of my life. I almost always have music in my ears but I don't know how to play any instrument so for now it's in my to do list.

I hope I'll be able to reach my goals. I'm already very excited to think that in a few month I'll be discovering a new country. Thank you very much in advance for the opportunity you are offering me by welcoming me into your home.

See you soon, Maiwenn !

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May 15, 2024

Michael Nelson
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Old Rochester Regional School District
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Dear Superintendent Nelson,

Congratulations! We are pleased to notify you that **Old Rochester Regional School District's** application for the **Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant** has been approved. The amount of your grant award is **$75,468.00** for FY2025.

This grant award is subject to final appropriation in the Department of Early Education and Care's (EEC) FY 2025 budget. EEC will contact you with information on next steps for receiving payment. In the interim, if you have any questions, please feel free to email EECSubmission@mass.gov.

Sincerely,

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